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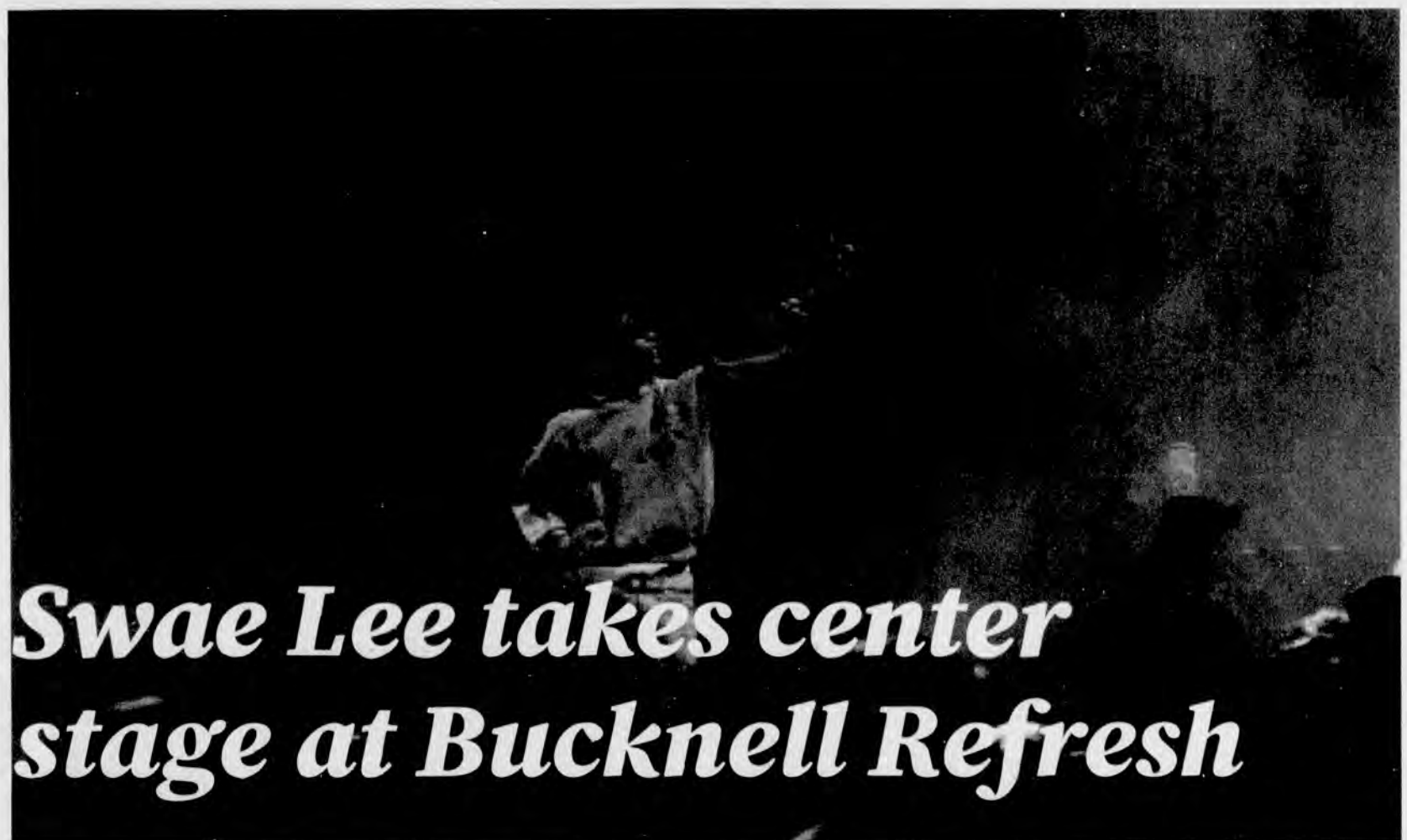
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## Swae Lee takes center stage at Bucknell Refresh

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News Content Editor

Campus was buzzing with students as Bucknell Refresh was underway with 12 free food trucks, inflatables, a photo booth and other activities from Core and the Seventh Street Makerspace on Saturday.

The Bucknell Campus Activities and Programs Center hosted the annual Bucknell Refresh, which concluded with a concert performed by Swae Lee, one half of the famous hip-hop/rap duo Rae Sremmurd, in Sojka Pavilion.

"Last year, Bucknell Refresh was really successful," Carole Beckhorn '23, president of Core, said. "This year, we planned based on what people liked last year and from feedback we heard."

"We will often get feedback, and last year Swae Lee came up as a performer," Brent Papson, Director of the CAP Center, said. "We had a really easy process with

Swae Lee this year. He was great to work with, and accepted the offer right away."

Getting an artist to come to campus is a lengthy process, Papson said — between the initial offer to the artist arriving on campus and performing, there are a lot of steps in between.

"We have a middle agent that we work with on a lot of our concerts, and so we'll go through our agent who represents Bucknell, and get us pricing and because they work with so many colleges and venues, they know what a fair price is," Papson said. "We ensure that the artist is in our price range and available, and from there we send an initial offer letter and give them two weeks to respond... then, they send us their contract and we go back and forth and make edits. We also work with a company to negotiate production and things the artists ask for."

One of the highlights of the night was the lip-sync opening for

Swae Lee from the Men's Track and Women's Rowing teams.

Abby Malek '24, a member of the Women's Rowing team, shared her thoughts on the event.

"We lip-synced 'Yeah!' by Usher... and then we got beaded necklaces and at the end we threw them out into the crowd. So, we technically opened for Swae Lee," Malek said.

Malek explained that she had found out about the idea of performing before Swae Lee the night prior at Bingo Blingo, and immediately jumped at the opportunity to rally her team for the event.

"It was really fun... I told my team we were doing this, because I didn't even ask, I just told them, you know, 'we're doing this,'" Malek said.

Malek also talked about Swae Lee's interactions with students, as after their performance the rowing team rejoined the other students for the concert from the floor.

"He was taking people's phones and taking pictures and making videos with them and stuff. He was doing that for a lot of people, and he loved our energy too, and was posting stuff on his Instagram story about being in Pennsylvania and at Bucknell," Malek said.

Malek's final thoughts echoed the sentiment that the CAP Center was hoping for. "The music was really good, I think he had a lot of fun performing for us. I think a lot of people had a lot of fun," she said.

Matthew Perello '23, attended the concert with his roommates.

"Swae Lee was surprisingly one of the most memorable concerts we've had on campus," Perello said. "He was interacting with the crowd and being as personable as a rapper could be. He was so animated and lively. It felt like he was excited and wanted to be there which just added to the immensely vibrant atmosphere. Compared to the other concerts on campus, this, by far, was the best one."

## Over 900 Bucknell students would qualify for loan forgiveness

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The average American student graduates college with \$37,113 in debt, according to the Education Data Initiative, a number that often haunts graduates for years after they've left their university.

President Biden announced his highly anticipated plan to combat the growing student debt crisis last week — a longtime promise that was a focal point of his 2020 presidential campaign.

For many college graduates who were still struggling to pay off their loans at the time of the election, Biden's passion for student debt forgiveness was a compelling reason to cast their votes his way.

According to an Aug. 24 press release from the White House, the first part of Biden's plan will allow Pell Grant recipients to receive up to \$20,000 of student debt forgiveness, and non Pell Grant recipients to receive up to \$10,000 of student debt forgiveness.

The total student debt in America is roughly \$1.6 trillion. A typical student debt payment is around \$200 a month, which means that reducing an individual's student debt by \$10,000 could

shave off over 4 years of monthly payments.

About 960 Bucknell students qualify for the student loan forgiveness program based on the 2021-22 financial aid applications, according to Interim Director of Financial Aid Erin Wolfe. This cancellation will be a one-time, pandemic-related loan forgiveness program, according to the Department of Education.

To qualify for the money, an individual must make less than \$125,000 annually. Current students that have loans disbursed before June 30, 2020, also apply. All federal student loans borrowed for the current 2022-2023 academic year will be excluded from forgiveness.

Applications for the program are supposed to be released in the coming weeks, and Bucknell students will be able to start reaping the benefits of Biden's new plan — which also sets out to cut monthly student debt payments in half. Rather than putting 10% of discretionary income towards student debt, the maximum amount possible for monthly payments will be readjusted to 5% of discretionary income.

Additionally, Biden's plan boasts to bridge the racial wealth gap. As Black Americans are more likely to borrow to pay for higher education, they are also more likely to be plagued by student debt payments (whitehouse.gov, 2022). The average Black American college graduate has seven times less wealth than white Americans who are also college graduates according to Perry et al., 2022.

Although many rejoiced at the news that their loans could be forgiven thanks to Biden's new plan, not all college students are as happy.

"The focus needs to be on the economy first, and on how education affects all individuals before we start relieving any debt," Abby Jay '24 said. "Otherwise this is just going to keep happening and it will continue to be a problem. We are fixing the symptom of the problem, not the problem."

Those who borrowed money, and want to be notified when the application process begins, can sign up for notifications from the Department of Education on their website. The Office of Federal Student Aid has a webpage to answer and frequently asked questions.

## Students see minimum wage hit double digits

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The student minimum hourly pay for on-campus jobs was increased to \$10 an hour, starting in August.

There are approximately 2,500 total student employment opportunities on campus, with around 1,840 students that were paid less than \$10 per hour last year, when the minimum wage was \$7.75 — meaning that 73 percent of all active positions will be experiencing a higher hourly pay this semester.

The announcement came from a July email sent by Julie Rowe, assistant director of Student Employment. The new pay rate excluded students working a Summer 2022 position.

"The rate changes took effect on August 1 so that all students who were returning to campus for the 2022-23 academic year would benefit from the wage increase beginning on their first day of work for Fall 2022," Rowe said.

The wage scale, which assesses student pay in relation to skills and responsibilities, was adopted by all colleges and departments and was updated, as well.

The new minimum wage rate for students at the University is higher than both the federal

minimum wage as well as Pennsylvania's minimum wage rate, which are both \$7.25.

"Student Employment Services completed a study of wage rates at peer institutions and at other universities throughout the state," Rowe said. "The new wage scale puts the University in a favorable position among peer schools and reflects a minimum hourly rate well above the current minimum wage rate in Pennsylvania."

Over half of all University students will be employed on-campus during their time in school. The goal is that by increasing the student wage rate, more students will apply and experience on-campus employment, according to Rowe.

"Student employment provides meaningful opportunities to complement the academic curriculum and foster professional development," Rowe said. "Our goal is to create a supportive work environment that allows our students to obtain professional skills, enable personal growth and integrate classroom knowledge with practical work opportunities. We are hopeful that the increase in student wages will offer additional opportunities for

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# breaking the bubble

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## DOMESTIC

Life expectancy dropped to roughly 76 years old in the United States during 2021 — the lowest in decades — CNN reported, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Wednesday. The CDC's National Center for Health Statistics report said that the reason for the decline was Covid-19.

A new law from New York says that the state can prevent citizens from carrying guns concealed in public, based on a federal case decided on Wednesday. The case saw two national firearm organizations, Gun Owners of America and the Gun Owners Foundation, challenge the law, but a U.S. District Court judge dismissed the motion for an injunction, according to the Hill.

The White House is planning to respond to monkeypox outbreaks by giving vaccines and further education at LGBTQ+ events in cities around the country, such as the Atlanta Black Pride Weekend. The announcement came through a press briefing given by Demetre Daskalakis, deputy director of the White House's national monkeypox response. Daskalakis told reporters the program saw "great success" at Charlotte Pride, according to the Hill.

## INTERNATIONAL

In July, Russian officials said the country plans to remove itself from the International Space Station, removing itself from a partnership with NASA spanning over a decade. NASA said that they intend to continue operation of the station until 2030, when it will be crashed into the Pacific Ocean.

Multiple Russian news agencies have reported that Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Russian leader instrumental in the downfall of the Soviet Union, died in Moscow on Tuesday at 91. His death comes in the midst of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, a conflict that has lasted since February. Reports said he died following a "long and grave illness."

A 45-page report published by the United Nations human rights office said that China may have committed "crimes against humanity" in its detention of Uighurs and other ethnic minorities, majority of them Muslim, in Xinjiang. The document reports that more than one million people were being held in detention centers across Xinjiang.

# University fills new Public Safety position

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Over the summer, Public Safety fulfilled a new position that is intended to increase engagement between the agency and the campus community.

Jamie Grobes was hired as the assistant director of Public Safety, Community Engagement and Partnerships — a new position that Chief Anthony Morgan created.

Grobes was born and raised here in Lewisburg and lived here until she left to join the AirForce. She worked at Verizon Wireless after her time in the military, which is where she learned that she really enjoyed engaging with the public. During this time she also earned a BA in Administration of Justice and AAs in Criminal Justice and Logistics.

After earning these degrees, Grobes went to law school for two years. She eventually took a leave of absence and moved

back to Lewisburg, where started working at Transitions of PA, a crisis center built to help victim-survivors and their communities.

Here she worked as a legal advocate and realized she didn't have to be a lawyer to be a victim advocate. Grobes stayed with Transitions for nine years working as an advocate and eventually as the Legal Advocacy Coordinator. During her time at Transitions of PA, she also helped open the Transitions Legal Center. Grobes became interested in this new position within Public Safety because she wanted to help students create formative relationships.

"Growing up here, I always thought Bucknell was really special," Grobes said. "Growing up in my formative years here I had influences from a lot of adults at the time that were from Bucknell. I was really excited to be able to potentially get to come up here and

engage in students and help give everyone the opportunity to have those special relationships and formative experiences that I got to have."

The goal of this new position is two build relations and trust between the student body and Public Safety, according to Grobes. She wants to do this first by listening to students and speaking to all the communities on campus to get a better understanding of their needs.

"I know that I don't know all of the things and I know that there are some things that I will never know or not be able to relate to. So, I want to make sure that I speak to the people that are able to speak those things so I can understand the concerns," Grobes said.

Grobes said she wants the student body to know that she is looking for input from any and all students and is available to meet and learn about student experiences.

# STUDENT WAGES

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students who are interested in working on-campus."

When asked about the wage rate increase by The Bucknellian, many students seemed to be happy about the news.

"It's my third year of being a chemistry TA on campus, and I love that the wage is higher this year so I can save some more money while being a student," Emma Shaw '23 said.

Dariel Guzman '24, a student employee at TechDesk, shared a similar sentiment.

"The wage increase is amazing," Guzman said. "It makes me more motivated to work and pick up more hours. It also makes transitioning from a New York job so much easier and gives me a real opportunity to make money that I can bring home and won't spend in a week here."



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# Lewisburg Freez closes after three decades in business

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The Lewisburg Freez closed its doors permanently on Aug. 6, after 32 years in business.

"We have always believed that we wanted to make a great product that was affordable for our customers," The Freez wrote in a public Facebook post. "With rent increases, this would no longer be possible. Because of this, the land owners have decided that they want to move forward with plans that do not include the Freez."

The news came on August 16, a few months following a Facebook post that said the store was experiencing some staffing issues. Due to those staffing issues, they initially wrote the store would maintain

limited hours until the positions were filled.

The Freez had been serving the Lewisburg community and Bucknellians for years as a seasonal ice cream stand. Many Bucknellians shared a similar sentiment: that the Freez was not just a business but a place of the school's community.

"I'm saddened that a core part of our community is being taken away," Hannah Schultheis '24 said.

"It's devastating. Every time I drive by the Freez I see a bunch of people congregating and communicating and enjoying ice cream together," Jack Chase '25 said.

Although the Freez wanted to maintain their affordable products, one student said they would be willing to pay more, just to keep the Freez around. "I know there aren't a

ton of ice cream spots in Lewisburg, there is the frozen yogurt place, but Lewisburg Freez was a destination and a part of Bucknell's identity," Carter Raleigh '25 said. "I think it's a really unfortunate situation. If the Freez was to raise prices I would still be willing to pay."

The Freez was not affiliated with the university, but many students felt that it was a part of the Bucknell experience — and even an honorary part of the University.

"When you take away the Freez you take away a part of Bucknell," Chase added.

"It's sad, I'm a junior, I remember going there for freshmen orientation. I've gone there every year, it was definitely a staple of Lewisburg," Madison McCormack '24 said.

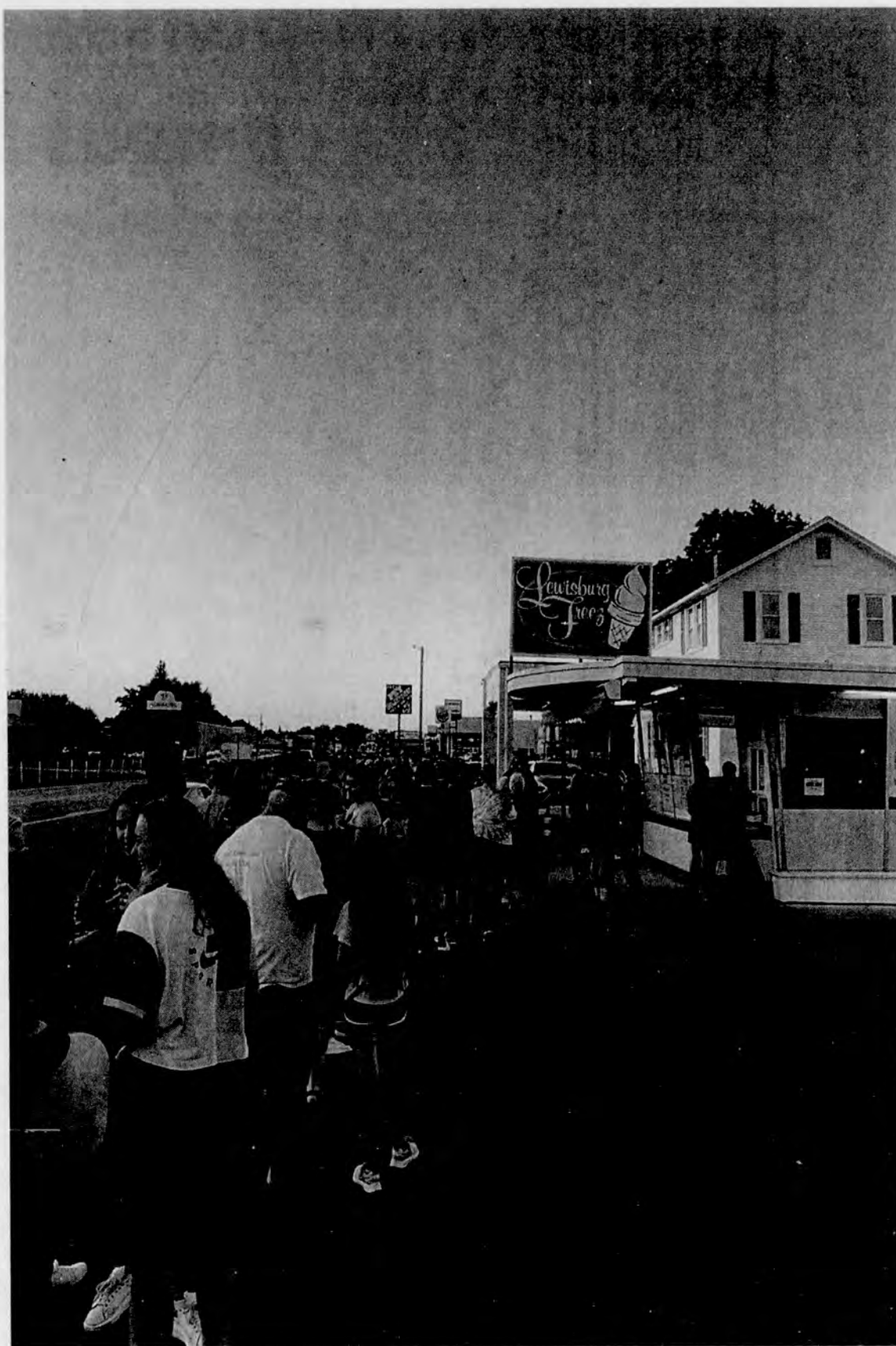


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## WHAT TO DO THIS WEEKEND:

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2. BEACH PARTY @ 8 PM, FRIDAY 9/2, UPTOWN (DUNK PUBLIC SAFETY, SAND ART, MOCKTAILS, MECHANICAL SURFBOARD)
3. MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU @ 8 PM, FRIDAY 9/2, THE QUAD
4. SCREEN PRINTING LEWISBURG T-SHIRTS @ 5 PM, SATURDAY 9/3, 7TH STREET STUDIO & MAKERSPACE
5. FIRST FOOTBALL GAME OF THE SEASON VS. TOWSON, @ 6 PM, SATURDAY 9/3, CHRISTY MATHEWSON STADIUM
6. SIP & PAINT @ 8 PM, SATURDAY 9/3, UPTOWN



# Editorial: responses to the Roe v. Wade campus forum

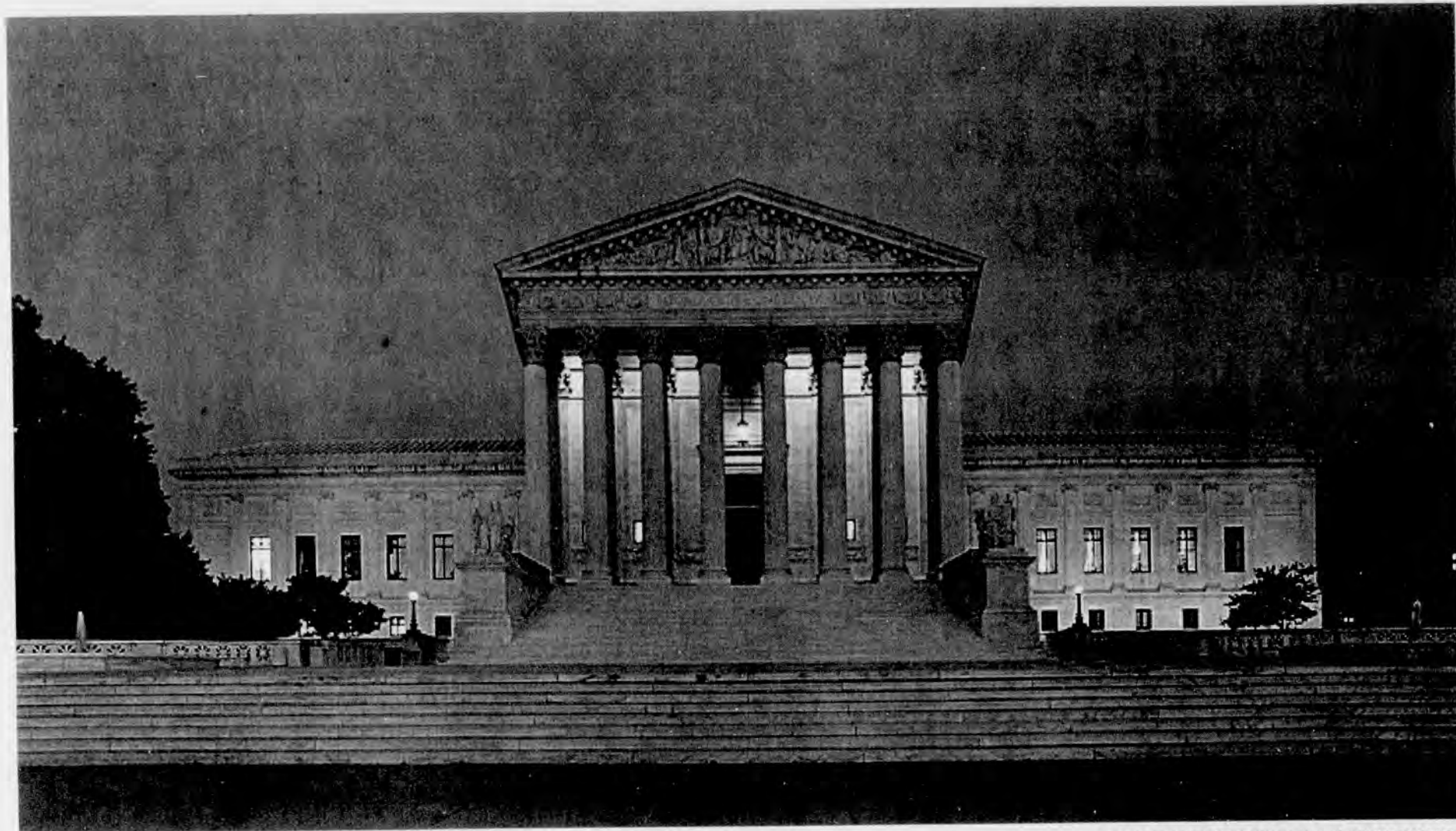


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The Supreme Court of the United States overturned Roe v. Wade on June 1, giving states the power to ban abortions within their borders.

Overturning the 1973 ruling, which established the constitutional right to abortion, has altered the lives of millions of people. Because of the immediate impact the ruling will have, we as Bucknell University's independent student publication feel that the voices of anyone willing to share their opinion on our campus should be amplified at this time.

We have collected opinions of multiple students, faculty members, staff and alumni through an emailed forum to create an editorial that expresses the collective feelings of those affected by this ruling. Those that have responded gave their permission to be quoted with their response under their name.

The following statements do not express the opinions of the editorial staff at The Bucknellian and it is the responsibility of the respondent to support any claims made in their writing. Expletives were removed from the answers, with permission of the writer.

## Jennifer Scott '23:

"The Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade is disappointing, angering and a demonstration of a very flawed court system in the United States. This is not about religion, this is about controlling women and taking away their right to bodily autonomy. What a woman chooses to do with her body, no matter the reason, is no one else's business but her own. This decision makes me think a lot about the idea of religion and what it means to be pro-life in America. To me, being 'pro-life' is a pretty hypocritical stance. Where are all of the 'pro-life' people when mass shootings occur in elementary schools? Where are all of the 'pro-life' people when the babies they seek to 'protect' from abortion are impoverished or in need of help and healthcare. Where are all the 'pro-life' people when hundreds of thousands of people are dying from Covid-19? It seems as though so many people in this country are only pro-life when it is convenient for them and their own personal beliefs. The Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade is going to set a scary percent in this country. Women will not be the only group negatively impacted by this decision, as freedom of choice is no longer meaningful or respected in this country."

## Tara McKinney '00:

"It is wrong to let each state decide the fate of anyone's reproductive health. Everyone should have a right to decide whether or not they need an abortion. I've never had to have one, but that doesn't mean I should decide whether or not someone else can have one. It isn't right for someone's else's religious beliefs to impact someone else's decisions either. I think the supreme court justices needed to be reviewed especially in light of Clarence Thomas and Brett Kavanaugh's histories as sexual predators (which they lied about) and Thomas's wife's involvement with the January 6th insurrection. Kavanaugh also lied to Susan Collins when he said he would uphold Roe v. Wade. I have absolutely no confidence in those two supreme court justice members and little confidence in the remaining members."

## Cameron Lodi '23:

"I have many reasons to be upset and frightened at the decision. To share only one: abortions are healthcare, used to save the mother's life in cases. Delaying an abortion so that a court/lawyer can weigh in on the medical treatment needed to save someone's life makes no sense to me."

Lodi included a link to a Reuters article with his response.

## Noor Kaur '23:

"Absolutely disagree [with the Supreme Court's decision] and [it is] in total conflict of what the American people want."

## Khue Minh Le (Alex) '24:

"To be honest with you, I'm horrified! It's almost like a fever dream. No, more like a nightmare. As an international student, my family and friends always envy that I'm studying in one of the best countries in the world. The United States of America is where your dream will come true. You can do anything you want here, right? All men are created equal, right? Gosh! This will be the first downfall and hear me out, this will impact all women around the world. It is insane to me how some of the allegedly wisest and fairest people of the whole entire country just blissfully ignore the rights of women. This is all about fear and control. [...] They said they don't want any more murder, but apparently children being slaughtered in schools like [...] animals doesn't stop the government from more gun restrictions. How does that even make sense? It's okay to kill the living breathing innocent human beings, but this nonexistent being somehow matters a lot more. Wake up, people, it is a ball of cells. And why does it always have to be about women? Where is the vasectomy rule? [...] I'm upset but also scared. As someone who has been sexually harassed and touched inappropriately without consent, what am I going to do if one day I get raped? Not only am I a woman, I am a woman of color who identifies as queer. I'm screwed here as people like me will always be considered as this exotic animal who doesn't deserve any respect. Thank you, the Supreme Court, for stripping away the most basic healthcare right any human being should deserve."

## Rob Jacob '97:

"I disagree with the interpretation of what Rights are provided in the founding documents of our great nation that the court indicated in their decision. I have also felt for 30 years that since the word abortion or concept that another person can not have dominion or dictate what another person can or can not do, that the legislative branch needed to act and not leave this important concept to the interpretation of others."

## Kerin Goecke (staff):

"Every pregnancy is truly life-altering, whether preferred or unpreferred, and support and love are required in each circumstance. Yet I can't help but think about 20 years from now as the first babies whose lives are saved enter adulthood. Some undoubtedly will walk the grounds of the Bucknell campus as students. Who will they be? What will their contribution be to our society? For in each pregnancy there are two lives to consider, those of the mother AND the child."

"In light of the Court's decision, in many states, more babies will now be permitted to live and thrive, and many women will not suffer from the multiple negative post-abortion impacts."

"Women may become more aware of alternative options to abortion. Indeed, help for women who find themselves with unplanned pregnancies are myriad (and growing) — from medical expense and housing assistance, to furnishings, formula, clothing, and adoption referrals, if desired. The lines are long for individuals waiting and hoping to adopt infants. And I (and many others I know) have been challenged to do more to help these women and babies who need assistance!"

"The recent Dobbs decision is about the interpretation of the Constitution; it does not make abortion illegal, but rather argues that abortion is not a constitutional right. Both Roe v. Wade and the companion decision Doe v. Bolton were decided on weak interpretations of law and on incomplete science. Many legal scholars across the political spectrum (including RBG) have questioned the legal reasoning of Roe v. Wade. Remember that at the time of these 1973 decisions, we had no ultrasounds

and there was little medical intervention available. Yet who among us today hasn't seen an ultrasound picture from an excited parent sharing the sex of their baby, or known of preemies who survive and thrive outside of the womb? Now, 49 years post-Roe with marvelous scientific advancements, we know that the unborn baby's heart begins beating at 3 weeks after conception, and at twelve weeks, she can begin sucking her thumb. We can watch her hiccupping, kicking, and thriving while in the womb. We can help a premature infant survive, and we can perform surgeries in-utero to correct problems. It's noteworthy that we can also see the baby fighting and trying to move away from the abortionist's tools, and even experiencing pain during the procedure.

"So, my plea would be...Let's change our culture so that the womb is no longer the most dangerous place to be in America—with a death rate 160 times higher than the murder rate of the most dangerous city in the world!"

"The pre-born are no less human than those that survive to birth. So please, let these precious babies live! Let us all help these mothers who find themselves confused and afraid! And watch the blessings that abound, for all involved!"

"Oh, that you would choose life; that you and your children might live! (Deut 30:19b, TLB)."

Goecke included multiple links to go along with her response.

Two links are to a research paper and the Gateway Women's Care website that found people can have adverse reactions to abortions, another to The Endowment for Human Development website that demonstrates when a fetus's heart begins to beat and one final link to The Life Institute, which writes that unborn children can feel pain.

## Rabbi Jessica Goldberg, Jewish Chaplain:

"The Dobbs ruling is an attack on religious freedom, one of our most deeply held American values and the reason many of our families came to the United States in the first place. Judaism supports access to reproductive health care, and in fact, mandates the termination of a pregnancy in certain situations. Thus, in addition to the obvious loss of freedom and dignity of gestating people that this decision represents, our foundational principle of religious liberty has been violated, rendering the decision unconstitutional at best."

## Colin Soule '25:

"Finally, overturned on the solemnity of the Sacred Heart while the planets aligned nonetheless. Human rights belong to biological humans, no matter young or old."

## Taylor Schultz '25:

"I personally feel like we have officially gone backwards in history. I am amazed that people cannot realize their hypocrisy when they vote for people to have the right to have guns which threaten the lives of others and yet they believe that women should not have to right to decide what happens to their own body, which does not threaten the lives of others. I just would love to know why people in the government believe that they have the right to say what women they have never met and will never meet can or cannot do with their bodies. How would those people feel if I decided that they could not do something with their own bodies? Liberties are being taken with women's rights and I am absolutely terrified to see what the Supreme Court will remove and attack next."

## Evelyn Pierce '25

"It is completely absurd. This isn't about being pro-life, it's the government taking away women's rights. They do not care about our choice, they do not care about the babies after they are born, they only care about controlling women and giving power to old white men. It's disgusting and I cannot believe our country is moving backwards at this point."



## What can the Class of 2026 expect from Bucknell?

**Sioban Nerz**  
Staff Writer

Many returning students are noticing strange changes to campus. Some experience the rumbling ELC as a herd of Smith Sharks pursue the blood from the uncooked caf chicken. Others hear slithering tongues of Vedder Vipers, debating how to work the printers in the library. The fear of many has been confirmed: the Class of 2026 is on campus. While some seasoned students don't want to interact with the new students, others remember their own experiences as first years and want to help the incoming class transition into college life. As a former McDonnell Mustang myself, I can relate to the incoming class and seek to give them advice.

First, since many students are unaccustomed to living by themselves, they have a tendency to walk outside without their key card and get locked out of the building. Instead of digging through a messy backpack, I recommend getting a lanyard. It is preferable to have one in a bright color, such

as University orange, so it can be found easily. Additionally, students should proudly sport their lanyard with their dorm shirt. This way, upperclassmen can easily find you and kindly escort you to your dorm. Furthermore, all this swanky gear will signal to other first years that you are one of them and they will want to be friends.

On the subject of making friends, my best piece of advice is to befriend your RA. One can do this by making noise complaints against their neighbor and by reporting alcohol in their dorm. Befriending your RA provides a wonderful chance to also become buddies with their friends. What upperclassmen doesn't want to hang out with a first year? Another tip for making friends is to keep your door open. If you're talking loudly to parents, people walking by will know you are family oriented. If you are changing before a shower, this will show you are not afraid to be vulnerable. An open door shows an open heart and is

a great way to make lifelong friends.

Now that your social life is worked out, let's talk about grades. Start by buying all required textbooks from the University bookstore. Although they may seem pricey, one cannot beat the authenticity of obtaining a dirty torn loose leaf Econ 101 book from a University sponsored business.

Moreover, after digging into the assigned readings, you may find your class boring. Although some advocate for caffeine to invigorate the mind, coffee is unnecessary as many first year dorms have study systems in place to keep students awake. Many times when students find themselves falling asleep, they are jolted awake by the fire alarm, provided by kind peers who have decided to burn their popcorn at 2 a.m.

Overall, navigating college is tricky, so I hope you heed my advice. I wish the best of luck to the first years and hope you have a great time at the University.

**AJ Lawrence**  
Senior Writer

The University is back! It's the second week of the semester and things are in full swing with classes, assignments and campus events. It seems like the only thing that hasn't gone into full swing are the students. The sunny end of summer weather that graces our campus is helping to keep the students warm and happy, sticking with us for a little while longer before the cold settles in. But it seems to have one drawback. Too many students are still stuck in the summer mindset and are trying to keep summer vacation going even as the classes roll on. Regularly you see students drinking lemonade, eating ice cream, having cookouts and playing outdoor games all over campus.

Plenty of students are managing to participate in those fun summer activities, like having picnics or playing spikeball on the quad with friends, while balancing their time between fun and doing class work. But the more daring students may choose to put off their homework and projects in exchange for more time to relax and have fun soaking in the sun. While procrastinating is never the smart choice, many students find it is worth it when it means they can go shopping downtown or drive around in

their cars, windows rolled down and blasting music while seeing the sights of Lewisburg.

And for the students who find putting off homework just isn't enough to get the feeling of freedom back, there are ways to go even further. Partiers on campus have been enjoying the Pool Party and Beach themed Supers all around campus on the weekends. They're enjoying the tropical decorations and drinks, playlists of all the summer's biggest hits and the sprinkler systems set up to help beat the heat. Some students are desperate enough that they have already started to plan weekend trips to the closest shorelines, or the farthest depending on how good of a beach they'd like to visit, just to get the authentic feeling of being at a sunny coastline during the summer. Those who don't have the ability to travel far are depending on the closeness of campus to the Susquehanna River to be able to take a dip in the water and cool off. Despite warnings against doing so, it doesn't seem to stop those determined few who don't care about dangers or disrupting crew team practices.

We are all mourning the end of the summer, especially the further we get into the semester, but the ingenuity of the students on campus and their determination to keep the summer vibes going is certainly refreshing.

## Bucknell allows student to choose who pays off her debt

**Hayley Leopold**  
Contributing Writer

While cramming to finish my ALEKS precalculus course in the library last night, I received a peculiar email. "Congratulations, Hayley!" read the subject line, "You Won!". What did I win? Free laundry swipes? A bookstore gift card? I itched with anticipation as I opened the mysterious message.

"To boost student morale, the Office of Financial Aid has decided to force five people to pay off one lucky winner's student loan debt. We feel this would be much more efficient than lowering tuition costs for all students. Please select your five people and contact them accordingly."

Well, here is my meticulously curated list:

### 1. Frankie Jonas

Frankie Jonas is the severely underappreciated, tragically forgotten sibling of the Jonas brothers. Frankie is furious that Joe, Kevin, and Nick have shaded him from the spotlight. When I ask him to pay my loans, he will surely dip into his siblings' fortune as revenge. Stealing their money will help Frankie cope

with the gnawing feeling of estrangement that he has felt all these years.

### 2. Bucky the Bison

As Bucknell's beloved mascot, Bucky's dedication to ensure his students' happiness has no bounds. Rather than simply cheering at pep rallies, Bucky would like to help pay off my loans to put a smile on another Bucknellian's face. Bucky's salary comes directly from Bucknell, so it would be little effort to retrieve his funds. Using Bucky's money would also benefit the environment. Reduce, reuse, and recycle Bucknell's money rather than sourcing elsewhere to eliminate carbon emissions and eradicate global warming.

### 3. The FBI agent who watches me through my computer camera

My FBI agent and I spend many nights together binge-watching Netflix shows. I feel a special bond between us, but this has exceeded financial boundaries. After all our time together, he has yet to pay me one penny towards our Netflix subscription! The only way for him to refund me for the \$10/

month that I have spent on our subscription is to contribute thousands of dollars towards my student debt.

### 4. Vincent van Gogh

As a painter, Van Gogh has a deep appreciation for the arts, especially the liberal arts. Van Gogh van knows how expensive college is, so he granted me permission to auction off The Starry Night and keep the profits. Did he agree to these conditions while standing to my right? Maybe. Nobody needs to know that he severed his left ear and didn't hear any part of our conversation.

### 5. Dory from Finding Nemo

Dory's checkbook must be soaked underwater! No worries, I've already contacted Wells Fishgo, and they'll electronically transfer the sand dollars right into your account. Dory is afflicted with short-term memory loss. So, when I implore her for money, she will continuously comply since she won't remember paying in the first place! Is it cruel to exploit Dory like this? Perhaps, but I feel it is permissible since the Finding Nemo films have earned her plenty of money to spare.

## Students try to keep summer vacation going amidst class time

## Swae Lee Plays Song Backwards, Reveals Something Shocking

**Aaron Chin**  
Senior Writer

Last Saturday night, singer/songwriter Swae Lee performed on campus, and it was a huge success. Many students showed up to the event, where Lee performed the song "Sunflower," that he wrote with Post Malone. However, there was a hidden message in the song that truly shocked the audience.

Apparently, there was an error in the backing track/instrumentals for the song in which the song actually ended up playing backwards, revealing a hidden code in the song. Students who kept their ears out were able to hear some shocking lyrics.

Readers might remember that last year, there was an article in this paper that revealed exclusive evidence that President John C. Bravman — the "C" stands for "Crimefighter" — was indeed, The Batman. Now, after last Saturday night, more corroborating evidence has appeared.

For example, during the first verse of the song the track played the incorrect lyrics. "Needless to say, he keeps crime in check/Bravman's The Batman, nevertheless." Furthermore, during the chorus, the lyrics were changed to "He leaves crime in the dust/I know that

Jonathan Crimefighter Bravman is secretly The Batman and I have irrefutable, fool-proof evidence."

However, Lee didn't even appear to notice the changes, and his lip-syncing still stayed perfectly on track with the distorted lyrics.

It is clear to see that this story is on par with how "Stairway to Heaven" by Led Zeppelin is actually a message of satanism. But this story just keeps on developing in its own right. After the event, many students questioned The Bravman, but he was unavailable since he threw down a smoke bomb and vanished into thin air. Things got even more strange when Bravman's PR team released this cryptic tweet: "@SwaeLee I saw what you did last night. There will be repercussions."

But one more question remains: how would Lee have confidential information that would prove that John Bravman is The Batman?

There is one popular theory that students are buzzing about: the song "Sunflower" was written for the film "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse." Students are speculating that Lee, since he wrote the song for the film, actually has access to a portal that can transfer him to alternate dimensions, just like in the film. If this is the case, then this would give him the needed edge to get confidential information on The Bravman.

## Students in Vedder surprised by distinct lack of black mold (and other consequences)

**Maximus Bean**  
Satire Content Editor

Upon returning to campus this year, sophomore and upperclassmen University students have experienced something that has never been seen before: a tidy, clean Vedder Hall. For students who have known nothing but rampant parties, stolen exit signs and underage drinking, such a clean space to live is a welcome change. However, that doesn't mean everyone is happy with the renovation.

"I don't know that mold really tied the place together," Crosby Fettle '25 said. "I don't know what we'd do without it." Fettle lived in the half of Vedder that wasn't evicted last semester, living with the constant humdrum of construction machinery blaring into his ears. "I mean the mold was everywhere. The food, the air, I mean it was more of a constant companion than a nuisance." Now with the air's "improved" quality, he doesn't know what to do.

While Vedder was partly central for many groups of students, the construction that had happened over the last semester had unwittingly interrupted that culture, and

left many students in the dark as to the University party life. Another ill-fated result of the construction was that the students who were originally part of Vedder (some of the most chaotic partygoers), were sent to other parts of campus, thereby leading Public Safety officials around to random parts of campus instead of them storming Vedder every weekend. Then again, the opinions on Public Safety switch every semester, so this could be seen as a good thing too.

Now that Vedder is back in action though, there is hope for the student body. Just for the student body though; not for the pleasant custodial staff who cleans after them, or the contractors the University brings in to fix the exit signs and doors, or the bugs that are trying to coexist with the student body. What are the odds that the conditions will soon turn deplorable again? Who will be the Vedder resident to leave their food out to rot and kickstart this black mold craze all over again? Whatever the answer is, the various individuals at The Bucknellian can't wait to find out. As evidenced, Vedder Hall will be watched with great interest. They ought not to disappoint.

## Lewisburg residents disturbed by sudden influx of noisy young people.

**Thao Nguyen**  
Senior Writer

Lewisburg has been quiet over this past summer break... too quiet. However, residents have been enjoying the peace and quiet as they no longer had to hear students' absurd comments that would soon be posted on Overherd Bucknell Instagram. But of course, as the school year begins, so does the traffic of noisy students. Except, this year has begun to be noisier and possibly psychologically disturbing to Lewisburg residents compared to previous years.

One distressed resident said, "I was just trying to enjoy my Judge Judy episode only to hear a sudden burst of screaming and moaning from this group of girls outside my window where they watch a video of some guy named Harry Styles?" This strange but current side effect of a disease the resident witnessed was

the "white-men-doing-the-bare-minimum," where girls across the world are having their minds blown over a white guy but in this case, it is Harry Styles' mediocre yelling at the talented Florence Pugh in a "Don't Worry Darling" sneak peek. No one knows the origins of this disease, but historians claim it dates back to 2019 when a white guy named John Smith was doing the dishes and a group of women saw him through the window in which they swooned over him. Ever since then when women started talking about Smith and other white men, the disease has been spreading rapidly. "After that, it has been constantly happening and I can't hear my Judge Judy!" the resident said.

Another resident has also been disturbed by students. "One day, I went for a stroll with my dog trying to enjoy the weather, only to be slowed down by this group of male students

in front of me who were wearing suits, grunting around like lost dogs." The resident unfortunately observed the adverse effects of the "am-I-funny?"-osis. Some experts believe it was started by a 16 year old boy who randomly moaned in class, but others think it began with a 19 year old guy drawing breasts on the white board. Multiple residents have also reported this perplexing effect of the disease, some saying they couldn't sleep at night due to how loud the boys are, but even the Lewisburg doctors do not know how to treat this group of students.

Many may think that the students are acting like this to make it onto Yik Yak or it's a part of rushing for a fraternity/sorority, but these are actual diseases with no cure. As these residents try to survive the sudden increase of rowdy, infected students, all they can do is hope that it does not get worse than this semester.



## Bucknell Dining and the Return of the Flyson

Special Features Editor

Revamping the dining processes at the University since the changes it faced during the COVID-19 pandemic has been quite a long process. Coming into the 2022 fall semester, we are seeing normalcy more than ever as the famous and student favorite Flyson food truck makes its grand return. The dining staff and coordinators are constantly working to execute new dining ideas for students, and the semester ahead has lots in store.

### 7th Street Cafe

Having undergone redecoration and renovation this summer, students walking into the Seventh Street Cafe this fall could describe it as looking brand new. With new furniture for the long study hours and a new mobile ordering system for on the go pick up, the dining staff has truly been catering to the needs of busy University students. The cafe also features a different milkshake every month, with this month being the new and delicious Caramel Apple flavor. Seventh Street Cafe is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### The Commons Cafe

With The Commons strictly following a mobile ordering system since the pandemic, counter service is finally back! While salads can still be ordered using the GET app all other meal options – including newly added sushi – are now to be ordered in person. Similar to the Bison they will also be featuring a rotating option for specials. The Commons is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Bostwick

Bostwick highlights, by far, the most variety of food options on campus and within the past year has undergone many positive changes. With brand new furniture and carpets that have been replaced over the summer the caf is looking new and updated, ready to seat all the students at the infamous Cafsgiving in November. The new addition of a smoothie station has been a large success operating during breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Bostwick hours this year are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### Babylon Micro-Farms

New to both The Bison and Bostwick are Babylon Micro-Farms. They can be seen behind counters at both locations being managed by the dining staff. This form of sustainable year round hydroponic farming now contributes to salads, smoothies, and ingredients for recipes at both locations.

### Dining Pop Ups

Since the beginning of the semester, many Pop Ups have been set up around campus already. Handing out different treats such as Blue Ribbon Dairy Ice Cream, CeCe J Snacks, Georgie Bagels, Berry Cups and Edible Cookie Dough. Along the same lines, the new Local Scene program will be featured weekly at the Library Cafe. Focaccia Melts and Pepperoni rolls from the Breaking Bread Company will be sold on Mondays and Sunshine Donuts will be sold on Wednesdays. Follow Bucknell Dining on Instagram to stay up to date with new Pop Ups and other updates @bucknelldining.

7th Street

### The Flyson

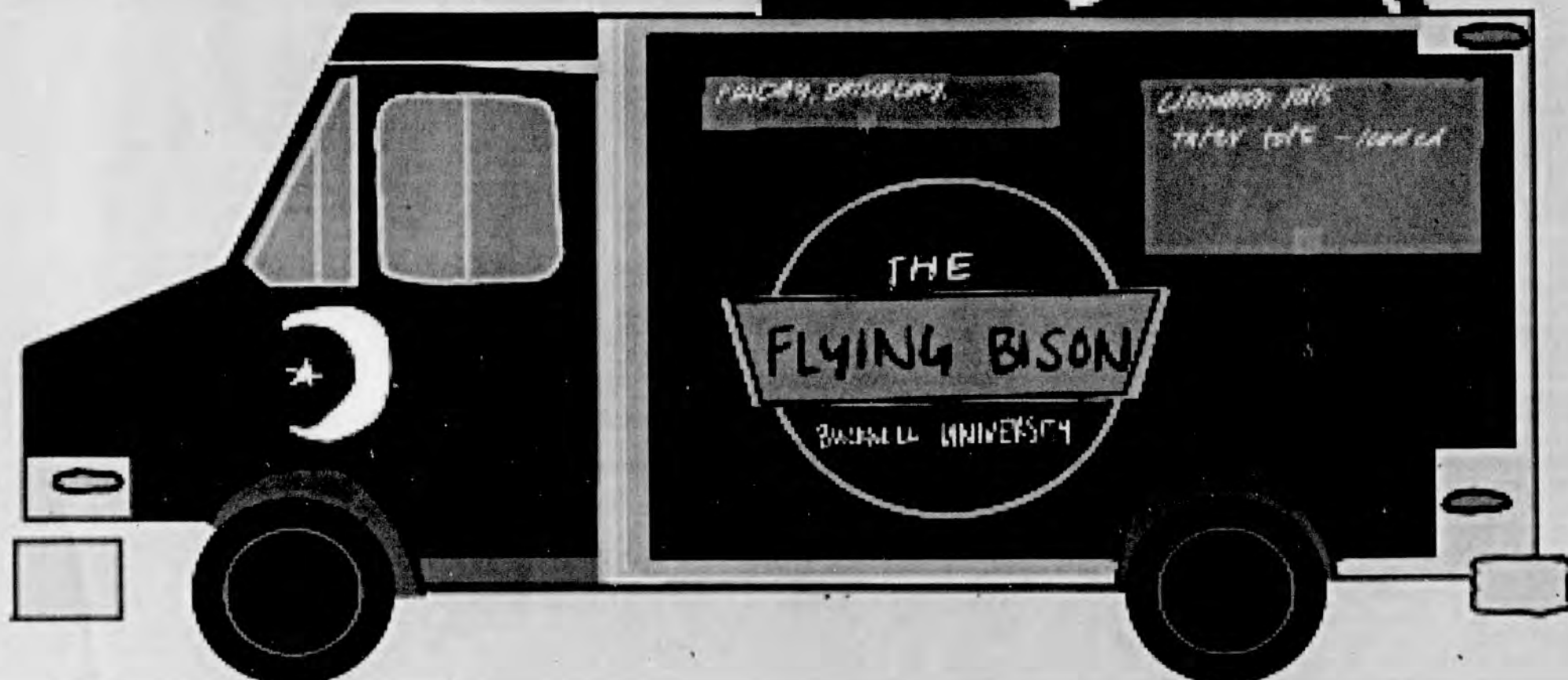
The long awaited return of the late night Flyson Truck has finally come to an end. The Flying Bison will be taking its first flight Friday, September 2nd. In honor of its opening, the first seven students in line will be receiving a free Flyson t-shirt along with their favorite dish. Throughout the semester the truck will be selling their t-shirts along with their beloved late night snacks. It is no question that students are filled with excitement hearing news of the truck coming back.

Senior Elliot Thorp reflected on his memories of going to the Flyson his first year at the University. "My fondest memory of the Flyson was running into different friends that I didn't plan on seeing that night. I was always excited to find out who I'd see when going to grab a late night snack," Thorp said.

Knowing that only a small percentage of the current University students – the senior class – have had the chance to experience what the Flyson is truly like generates more excitement for juniors and underclassmen.

Regina Stieglitz '23 shared a heartfelt memory of the Flyson. "As a senior in high school, I had the chance to visit Margoux Vaccari, an older friend of mine at Bucknell. One of the first and very distinct memories from that weekend was our trip to the Flyson. After I then decided to attend Bucknell we became extremely close the three years we had here together. I'm so thankful for that memory and couldn't be more excited to be back at the Flyson this weekend," Stieglitz said.

Without a doubt the lines for the Flyson its opening weekend will be just as long and maybe longer than before the pandemic. The hours for the truck this year will be Fridays and Saturdays from 12 a.m. to 3 a.m. and also Saturday afternoons from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.





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**B1**—September 2, 2022

## Bison Men's Soccer Team has a challenging weekend in the Windy City

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Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue fell short to Loyola Chicago 4-1 in their opening match of the weekend.

The Ramblers came into this match after a 9-5-2 season last year, while the Bison were 4-10-3 in the 2021 season. Loyola Chicago had a solid all around game, scoring two goals in each half.

Loyola Chicago scored four unanswered goals until the Bison put one on the board late in the game, with Michael Dempsey '25 volleying a long throw into the net from Jackson Sullivan '26, who picked up his first collegiate assist. Bennett Schwartz '23 was in net for the Bison, making five saves, while the Orange and Blue got outshot 17-7. Several players played their first minutes as Bison. Joining the starting lineup was Waldemar Kattrup '25, Charlie Holmes '26 and Marco Valentic '26. Seeing minutes

off the bench were Sullivan, Cade McGrath '26 and Ben Sheffield '26.

The Orange and Blue faced DePaul on Sunday, falling 0-2. DePaul had two first half goals, ultimately leading to the defeat of the Bison. Schwartz was the starting goalie for the Bison again. Both teams had four shots in the second half, but neither team converted any of the shots to goals. The Bison had a few chances at the end of the match to get on the board, but despite these efforts, they could not put the ball in the back of the net.

"I think we learned a lot from this weekend. We didn't get the result that we wanted, but I think it will help us with the rest of the season," Bison captain MJ Kuczura '24 said.

The Orange and Blue go on the road again on Friday to play their next game versus St. Bonaventure.



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## Bison Women's Volleyball For the Win (3-0)

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Contributing Writer

The Bison women's volleyball team proved to be a dominant force throughout this past weekend while participating in the Red Flash Classic in Loretta, Pa.

On Friday, the team opened

their season with a 3-1 win against Bellarmine University, where they beat their opponents in three consecutive match wins with final scores of 25-22, 25-21 and 25-23. Bri Frazilus '26 scored a whopping 14 points for the Bison, helping them to secure the win.

Less than 24 hours later, the team continued their successful

trend with wins against both Saint Francis University and Gardner Webb University, leading to an undefeated record of 3-0. To begin the day, the ladies swiftly secured a win against Gardner Webb through-out three sets (25-17, 25-23, 25-20), reaching a weekend best hitting percentage of .259 with three players above .300.

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## Upcoming Events-

### Men's and Women's Tennis

- Bucknell Invitational 9/1-9/4

### Men's and Women's Cross Country

- Bison Opener 9/2 6pm

### Men's Soccer

- at St. Bonaventure, 9/2 7pm

### Men's Golf

- at Colgate, 9/3 All Day

### Volleyball

- Bucknell Invitational 9/2-9/3

### Men's Water Polo

- at Navy Open 9/3 1pm

### Football

- vs Towson, 9/3 6pm

### Field Hockey

- at Kent State, 9/4 12pm

### Women's Soccer

- at Youngstown State, 9/4 6pm

## Bison Field Hockey opens the season on the road

Brooke Tracey  
Contributing Writer

The Bison field hockey team opened up its 2022 season this past weekend, facing No. 9 Louisville on Friday, Aug. 26 and James Madison University on Sunday, Aug. 28.

While both were very contested matches, the Orange and Blue could not quite outscore their opponents. The Bison leave opening weekend 0-2, but the future looks promising.

The Bison traveled to University Park, Pa., on Friday to face the Louisville Cardinals at Penn State. The Orange and Blue came out strong from the opening whistle, but conceded a goal just over seven minutes into the match. The score remained 0-1 throughout the remainder of the first half, as the Bison continued to attack the Cardinal defense. In the 37th minute, Patriot League Preseason Offensive Player of the Year Lily Neilson '25 notched a goal, evening the score 1-1. The Bison remained in the game until the fourth quarter, when the Cardinals secured their victory with a second goal. Despite the 2-1 defeat, both teams had 11 shots apiece, with goalkeeper Clara McCormick '23 coming up big with seven saves.

Key contributor to the Bison defense, Mia Fields '24, was very satisfied with the way the team performed.

"It was really exciting to come out in [their] first game of the season and give the 9th ranked team in the country a run for their money," Fields said. She added how the team has proven that they "can compete at the highest level," and looks forward to what the rest of the season has to hold.

The Orange and Blue returned to the pitch on Sunday to face the James Madison Dukes in Harrisburg, VA. The Dukes came out on fire, scoring off a corner just four minutes into the game. While the Bison continued to fight, James Madison tallied another three goals in the second quarter. Kari Melberger '24 was able to lessen the Dukes lead to 4-1 after netting a goal less than a minute after conceding. Coming out of half time, the Orange and Blue gained momentum, scoring the only goal of the third quarter courtesy of Neilson. McCormick made four big saves during the quarter to keep the Dukes off the board; however, they found the net two more times in the fourth quarter. The final score was 6-2 in favor of the Dukes.

Despite the losses, this Bison team remains very strong. They are looking ahead to their next match at Kent State on Sunday, Sept. 4, which is set for a 12 p.m. start.

## Bison Women's Soccer splits weekend 1-1 on the road

Charlotte Dursee  
Senior Writer

The Bison Women's Soccer Team started off the season on the road with a trip to Colorado College.

Coming off a Patriot League Championship, the Bison looked to set the tone early on in the season.

"Last year we proved everyone wrong when we were placed 9th overall and ended up winning the Patriot League Championship," Jenna Hall '24 said. "This year, teams are going to be extra competitive when playing us because they know we have the potential to be good again."

The first half was an evenly fought match. Bison goalkeeper Kaylee Donnelly '23 kept the game scoreless. Around the 38th minute Reese Evans '25 scored her first career goal to put the Bison up 1-0.

Early on in the second half Abby Gearhart '23 was able to steal the ball from a Tiger defender and make her way to the goal. Before she could get the ball in the net, the Tiger defense stopped her breakaway. The Tiger's followed this play with a header off a corner kick to tie the game.

A similar play occurred around the 72nd minute when Teresa Deda '25 forced the opposing goalkeeper to make a difficult save. The Tigers responded with yet another goal, putting them up 2-1 for the rest of the game.

Both teams managed 16 shots over the course of the

game. Donnelly ended the game with seven impressive saves.

The Bison made their comeback Sunday afternoon in a full team effort against Air Force. Despite pauses for lightning early on in the first half, the Bison remained unfazed.

"At the start of the game the entire team was extremely pumped up and ready to compete," Hall said. "We knew it was going to take a lot of teamwork, communication and grit to beat Air Force, but we did not want to leave Colorado without a win."

After almost two hours of delayed play, the Bison returned to the field with only a couple chances on goal from Rylee Donaldson '23 and Deda.

The Orange and Blue's goal came from strong pressure and speed from Donaldson, who was able to pick off a long ball and draw a foul. Paige Temple '25 took the free kick and managed to get the ball over the heads of Air Force defenders and into the back of the net. The Bison finished Sunday's game with 12 shots on goal and four corner kicks.

On the defensive side, Hall had two saves in the final minutes of the game to hold onto the lead. In addition, defenders Olivia DeConinck '25, Leanne Engemann '23, and Sydney Hess '26 led the defense.

The Orange and Blue look to improve their record of 2-0-1 this Thursday night at home against Binghamton.



WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

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In their final match of the tournament, the girls fought through five sets against Saint Francis, scoring 25 points in each of the first four (25–27, 25–17, 25–27, 25–19). In the fourth set, the team refused to release their lead and secured an undefeated title with a win against the tournament’s hosts (15–13). “I think that the success we had the weekend translated from how hard we have been working during preseason. Everyone has been playing really well and being super supportive and I’m happy about how close our team has become. I am excited to see how we progress as the season continues,” Camryn Anderson ’23 said. Make sure to keep your eyes peeled to see the Bison play in Davis Gym next weekend to host the Bucknell Invitational.

beyond  
the bison  
sports news across the nation

Hawaii dominates the Little League World Series

Kaylee Donnelly  
Contributing Writer

The Little League World Series celebrated its 75th anniversary this year, taking place these past few weeks just about 45 minutes away in South Williamsport, Pa. The tournament started out with 20 teams and all the games took place throughout August. The final four and championship took place this past weekend, with two games on Saturday and the championship on Sunday. The West representative, Hawaii, was able to defeat the Southeast representative, Tennessee, with a score of 5–1. The Caribbean representative, Curacao, defeated the Asia-Pacific representative, Taiwan, in a tight game with a score of 1–0. The championship, however, was a wipeout. The Western representative Hawaii defeated the Caribbean representative Curacao 13–3 in just four innings. The gap occurred so quickly and so greatly that the game was called due to a mercy ruling. This ruling says if a team scores more than ten runs in under four innings, the game is over. This championship was the fourth win for Hawaii, after a third place title due to the pandemic cancellation of the world series championship in 2020. Hawaii’s domination did not just occur during their final match. Over the course of the entire month, the team outscored its opponents 60–5, with not a single team coming within a four run margin that Hawaii was able to uphold. But why has Hawaii’s team done so overwhelmingly well this past year? Perhaps it’s Hawaii’s history with Little League and baseball itself. Even before its induction into the United States as an official state, Hawaii was the first territory outside the then 48 continental states to put teams into the league. Honolulu’s Little League is one of the oldest in the state, starting in 1954 and still playing today. It’s clear that Hawaii’s experience has paid off. They have made 15 total Little League World Series appearances, with wins coming in 2005, 2008, 2018 and now 2022. This success could also be due to management. General manager Gerald Oda returned this year after his four year break from the team. Oda was a part of the management staff in 2018 that helped the past team win a championship. An alumni of Little League Baseball himself, Oda was happy to take back his position and attempt another championship in 2022 – and attempt he did, as he joined the boys in their trip back to Honolulu with a championship under their belts. Of course, it’s also the talent of the boys themselves that contributes to the team’s success. Several players had stand-out performances, with pitchers closing innings and several players hitting home runs, as well as the overall dedication all of them put into winning a championship.

ATHLETE  
OF THE WEEK

Bri Frazilus ’26

Profile

Sport

Volleyball

Hometown

Cary, N.C.

High School

North Raleigh

Christian Academy

Position

Outside Hitter



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Bison volleyball is off to a red hot start, largely due to the contributions of first-year Bri Frazilus, who earned all-tournament honors this past weekend. The outside hitter from Cary, N.C. led the team in kills (42) and had the second most digs (32) on the weekend as they went 3-0 in the Saint Francis Tournament. The aspiring Biology major’s impact was particularly impressive due to the fact that it was her first weekend of collegiate matches, though it was far from surprising. Frazilus is very familiar with athletic success, as her list of accomplishments includes being a four-time All-Conference and All-State selection, four-time Prep Volleyball Phenom List recipient, 2020 Conference Player of the Year recipient, 2021 Conference Offensive Player of the Year recipient, and the 2022 Mid-Atlantic Region Jack and Jill of America Athlete of the Year recipient. She was also a multi-year team captain for both her club and high school teams and helped lead her high school team to a state and conference championship. Frazilus has always been one to rise to the occasion, and she did just that this past weekend in the team’s first tournament of the year. For the first match of the tournament, the Bison played Bellarmine, whom they defeated 3–1, including winning 3 straight sets to close the match. Frazilus posted a team-high 14 kills and also pitched in 16 digs in her first collegiate match. She believes that this first match was crucial for their success in the rest of the tournament, as the highs and lows of the Orange and Blue’s first match together prepared them for Gardner Webb and Saint Francis immensely.

“In practice we try to win at all costs, even if it is an ugly win to win no matter what. We used that first match and said to ourselves ‘now we can go up from here,’ We then used that in our Gardner Webb match where we won in straight sets,” Frazilus said. Frazilus was outstanding in the Gardner Webb match, as she finished with 22 kills, 11 digs, and a .514 hitting percentage. Though she enjoyed much personal success, Frazilus was particularly ecstatic about how the team started to put everything together in that match, which ultimately led to their brilliant victory over the home squad Saint Francis. “Our team really connected and started to use everything we practiced to win the match against Saint Francis in five sets. In the fifth set when it was closer, everyone showed up and played their roles for the pieces to come together and win.” The pieces are indeed coming together for the Bison, whose start to the year has been the best since the 2017 season. This group has high expectations for this year, and are showing no signs of slowing down as they look to ultimately compete for a Patriot League title. “As a team, we are aiming to win the Patriot League and boost our ranking within the conference. We are starting off really well and are going to keep going up from here. I am super excited to see everyone grow as players and for us to grow as a team.” The Bison look to improve on their excellent weekend as they face George Washington at 6 p.m. on Friday. They will go on to host NJIT at 9 a.m. and LIU at 4 P.M. on Saturday in their first home tournament of the season in Davis Gym.

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# COVID “aftermath”: An introvert’s perspective

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The COVID-19 pandemic has undeniably upended the past (almost) three years of our lives regardless of age, socioeconomic status, geographic location, etc. However, I am interested in taking a deeper look into the new normal for younger populations (in particular college students), and investigating how the pandemic has reshaped our public understanding of health. How has our ability to socialize been impacted? What mental shifts have we made regarding public health? Will graduation day be met with anticipation for our bright futures ahead, or dread and angst as we embark on a new chapter riddled with life-threatening unknowns? I would like to preface this piece by stating that I am a self-proclaimed introvert. Because of this, I was able to find more peace and comfort being confined to the four corners of my room. I understand that many people could not find solace in their home environments, whether that be due to environmental stressors or grappling with isolation as an extrovert.

Despite everyone's varying situations, it is true that emotions surrounding COVID have shifted with each stage of the pandemic. Because of our innate human ability to adapt to new changes and find shreds of positivity during dark times, my first lockdown was defined by whipped coffee, power walks, Tik Tok dances and (compulsorily) Outer Banks binges. During this time, there was an understanding that everyone was locked down in their homes and recreating in the same ways; this assumption minimized FOMO for some, and allowed others to come to terms with this new reality in their own time. As we moved further into the pandemic, people (even introverts like myself) were itching to socialize again, and longed for the social connection they once had. Frustrations grew and tensions rose, as did academic and professional expectations. The pandemic was no longer viewed as a social battery recharge—it was seen as a time of tension, with a new and old reality trying to coexist. Attending class with masks on, walking through the Bison in a certain path and even opening packages with gloves on became the

new normal. Although COVID is still very much present today, there is a greater sense of ease around the subject with vaccine rollouts, clearly defined quarantining rules and campus safety guidelines being implemented. I use the term “aftermath”, not because COVID has stopped affecting lives, but because we’re moving towards a place where the height of COVID is hopefully in the past, and a life of relative normalcy is on the horizon.

In order to avoid long rants and tangents, I have decided to divide the effects of COVID into three categories: social, professional and personal. Before I dive into the social aftermath of COVID, I am going to reiterate that I am an introvert. These stances are solely through my lens and based on my experiences. Socially, two things have happened. One, two years of isolation has created anxiety when speaking to both strangers and friends, and two, we fear that by seeing people our physical health is in jeopardy. Not only is it difficult to follow through with plans, maintain energy in social settings and to read social cues, but it is hard to trust that your physical health is safe as well.

There is also a lot of social pressure to not have concerns about COVID. Messages like, “Enjoy your time in college” and “Don’t let a disease waste your youth” haunt many Gen-Zers, and create a strange conjunction of resentment about the situation with guilt for not taking advantage of their “precious school years.”

Some interesting developments have ensued regarding work and professional life as well post-pandemic (we’re not really post-pandemic but you know what I mean). Every job I’ve had in the past two years, whether it’s been on-campus or off-campus, has involved masking or a remote/hybrid situation. I’ve personally found that it’s hard to build the same level of connection with co-workers when they can’t see your face or if you only meet through a screen. It’s something I’ve learned to adjust to, but I have also learned through this experience that in-person collaboration makes me more productive, and that it is easier for me to be inspired by my peers when we work face to face. I am fortunate enough that I have had the experience of working in a professional setting in person before, but I’d bet there are quite a few students who are feeling

a sense of dread at the thought of being thrown into the real world and into a real job without any in-person work experience. Of course times are shifting and it is much more normal to work remotely full-time, but I can sympathize with those feelings of uncertainty when it comes to in-person work arrangements.

The last aspect of COVID’s aftermath that I’d like to touch upon is personal development. In my experience, and in the experiences of people I’ve spoken to, the pandemic changed us in some way. For better or for worse, we have emerged from our cocoon of isolation a different person. By no means was this a drastic personal change for everyone, but whether it was with self reflection or introspection, each of us has taken something away from this experience. Although the aftermath of COVID has left many of us with social stress and health anxiety, we have also gained positive traits. I am confident in our newfound ability, as a collective University community, to offer support to one another, to adjust to global emergencies we may face and to continue finding and creating little moments in our day that spark joy.

## Things you need to listen to during the month of September

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Summer is gone. It’s quite literally packing its bags and heading off into its temporary beach house - yes, it’s in Southern California. The only place most of us will find comfort this chilly fall is in our camera rolls, in our private spotify playlists, in the screenshot folder as we relive what could’ve been.

How do we tap into that nostalgia? How should we go about and make sure we preserve that limited joy and give ourselves the extra layer of warmth we need to survive those lonely walks back from Bull Run?

We immerse ourselves in art.

There are so many artists in those little apps of yours waiting to make you feel something - good. Make you feel like you’re levitating - no Dua Lipa - and inspired to take on anything this long semester has in store for you. Especially if you’re a senior. Especially if you’re in the middle of figuring your life out. Especially if you know having to pay your own phone bill and making your own appointments is something that scares you to death.

So...are you ready? Are you fully prepared to discover musical artists that’ll make you want to stay on Townie’s dance floor a little longer?

Let’s go.

Here are my top picks for THE September of a Lifetime playlist \*purple heart emoji\*:

1. Woodlawn - Aminé
2. Superstar - Lauryn Hill
3. Nena - Meli
4. BPW - Jazmine Sullivan
5. This Will Do - Giveon
6. Vixen - Miguel
7. Pink Matter - Frank Ocean
8. fue mejor - Kali Uchis ft. SZA

9. Party - Beyoncé ft. Andre 3000
10. Issues/Hold On - Teyana Taylor
11. Cuff It - Beyoncé
12. Jungle - HER
13. KU LO SA (A COLORS SHOW) - OxLade
14. Disturbia - Rihanna

Aminé, in my opinion, deserves more recognition. He’s collaborated with so many well-known artists and created cohesive albums that sound and feel very unique. ‘Woodlawn’ is one of my favorite songs from him - it takes you through his background, inspirations, and ambitions. Not to mention Aminé has real flow and an ability to make a solid impression on his audience with his distinguishable tracks.

Lauryn Hill is THE artist of ALL generations. I said it. A mastermind in every way, her esteemed album, ‘The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill’, is the contemporary person’s guide to life, grief and dealing with everything that can possibly trouble a person. ‘Superstar’ makes you feel good; it reminds the listener and gatekeepers of music that music - hip-hop specifically - is not something that’s meant to be defined or claimed by one single person.

Meli gets it. Meli knows that there are people out there that say the most and do the very least. She knows that her listener needs that push—that loud reminder that they are in fact that b—, that they should have suitors lined up out the door begging for a first date. ‘Nena’ brings forth power, in more than one language, and the experience so many baddies today and age often face. She centers the wonderful thing it is to be a bad b—.

Jazmine Sullivan. WHERE DO I BEGIN? Other than being a lyrical

genius...she can sing. She can absolutely electrify, empower, and bring inspiration to any crowd she’s in front of. Her words quite literally cut into your soul and remind you that you are capable of otherworldly love...and it’s okay if you gave that love to someone that didn’t deserve it. Her music is there to help you heal and reflect. ‘BPW’ is the reminder all women & femmes need to reclaim who they are and remember they have it all - and it’s the other person’s fault if they can’t see the magic right in front of them.

Giveon is also aware of the culture and expectations surrounding dating nowadays. He knows what being in a relationship does to a person and how that can affect even the most composed person/artist. ‘This Will Do’ is perfect in the sense that it captures the toxicity that so many people mistake for love and desire worth pursuing. It sets the stage and lets you relive those encounters that remind you of that one person that made you feel everything...while giving you nothing at all.

MIGUEL. Yes, Miguel. He knows what he’s doing to us. ‘Vixen’ is that song you remember listening to growing up but never fully understood because you were a child and you were preoccupied with watching SpongeBob on television. Vixen is the song that comes on when you press shuffle and reminds you that sex is in fact real and it’s something you do enjoy - with the right person and with full consent.

Frank. Ocean. \*sigh\* What has he not accomplished? Who’s heart does he have yet to conquer? When is the listening party and can I have an invite? ‘Channel Orange’, Ocean’s

vastly-praised album, set the tone for what music should be. ‘Pink Matter’ specifically praises women and their inherent God-given glory. ‘Pink Matter’ praises women the way they need to be praised on the daily; it centers pleasure and the highs that come with it without overcompensating. The song and that whole album are everything.

Kali Uchis? SZA? On ONE track? You have got to be kidding me. It does not matter what chores you have to do - this song will make you feel so good you’ll clean your room twice just for funnies. The soft blend of English and Spanish, the melody, and the overall vibe Kali & SZA are able to put together is something magical. This song definitely needs to be added to your ‘getting ready to go out <3’ playlist.

Beyoncé. Oh my lord. She is timeless. She is grace. She is, in fact, the queen bee. There’s no debate Beyoncé has had a massive impact on anyone and everyone. ‘Party’ is that song that randomly comes on and makes your day better. It reminds you that being young and beautiful is something that no one can take away from you. This song reminds you to take a break and sway your arms side to side for a bit.

Teyana Taylor. More people need to give her credit and MONEY. Teyana Taylor writes songs that you know will be there for you on your worst days. ‘Issues/Hold On’ reminds you that you are worth every single ounce of love and respect.

BEYONCÉ!!!! Why are my hips moving every time I listen to this song??? ‘Cuff It’ is everything - just in case the first two sentences didn’t make it obvious. Beyoncé has brought house music to people that have never before experienced it. Beyoncé has made the album of the summer

and ‘Cuff It’ will have you dancing for hours on end.

H.E.R. is a genius. If I had to describe her music in one word it would be cathartic. The melodies and the overall delivery of truths we’re too scared to tell ourselves; truths we’re too afraid to acknowledge—especially when they have to do with relationships—is what makes this song so special. ‘Jungle’ is the perfect song if you’re dealing with a special someone that’s not acting like that special someone lately. Take a walk and reflect with H.E.R.

OxLade will also make you want to dance and move your hips like you’ve never moved them before. KU LO SA (A COLORS SHOW) is so much more than a trending song on tiktok. It’s a love note. It’s a direct yell into the infinite abyss; a yell that’s saying: ‘come here, I miss you bae’. Something so many of us are afraid to even utter.

Miss Riri Miss Fenty Beauty Miss ENTREPRENEURRRR. Rihanna is timeless. If you disagree, make sure to talk about it with your therapist. ‘Disturbia’ is the song that every grocery store should play once the clock strikes the hour. ‘Disturbia’ is the one song that should be embedded within the United States’ common core curriculum. ‘Disturbia’ is the song we should all stop and dance to. Everyday.

So that’s my playlist. That is my love letter to you, music-loving students. Take it or leave it. I’m actually typing this portion of my article while on my way to class and can already tell so many of you would benefit from some hip-moving therapy.

Let me know what you think.

Mucho Amor.

Ricky Rodriguez (they/them/theirs)



# Letting the Freez Go

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In a little borough called Lewisburg stands a small, shack-like building with the words Lewisburg Freez posted above. Looking around, customers can see gas stations, supermarkets, and constant passing cars making their way through the little Central PA “city” that 5,158 people call home. Yet, when standing under the purple and blue sign of this little Mom & Pop, locally owned ice cream stand, you can’t help but feel a sense of comfort and a breeze of childhood nostalgia over banana split freezes and hot fudge sundaes.

On August 17th, at 9:38 a.m., The Freez Facebook page—followed by more people than

Lewisburg’s own population—announced the closure of their store planned for the upcoming week. This sudden loss sent a shockwave through the community. Customers poured their hearts out for the Lewisburg treasure, and Bucknell students frantically flocked to the stand to enjoy one last treat with their friends. Commenters called it “a loss for the community,” and “another piece of my upbringing closed.” But other than a distancing from old Lewisburg ways, people seemed especially bothered by the reason behind the shop’s end: increasing rent, a factor that is causing the decline of small, successful businesses in the area. One commenter wrote: “Landlords

have gotten so greedy ... raising rents beyond what small businesses can possibly afford. It’s sad because small businesses make communities so much more enjoyable.”

Lewisburg is not an ever-changing, ever-growing place. Family-life is central to the Lewisburg experience and many people have lived here for generations. It’s not a surprise that when an old-fashioned, family owned business closes, people feel a little bit of Lewisburg slip from their fingertips. Places like the Freez offer affordable, homemade treats that aren’t as common in today’s day and age—driving through McDonalds for an oreo McFlurry doesn’t have the same sentiment as

seeing a familiar face prepare a cool scoop of your favorite flavor right in front of your eyes. When places like The Freez close, it seems like Lewisburg inches a little closer to an overly-commercialized corporate hub that lacks character.

Although most Bucknell students are not from the immediate area, the Freez still had just as much importance. It reminds some of their hometown ice cream shop, or of their first time hanging out with a freshman year roommate. It’s a place to watch the sunset, or hang out with friends that live across campus. Cristina Canales ’24 remarked: “It made Lewisburg feel special. It can be hard to feel at home in college

and sometimes some really good ice cream can be the exact comfort we need. I hope whatever is put in its place will make people just as happy.”

Little stores around this town are what make it such a special place for Bucknell students and town members to call home. Sadly, The Freez is just another gem that has fallen victim to rising rent. As Bucknell students who are lucky enough to call Lewisburg our second home, we have a responsibility to this community to speak out when things like this happen. The Freez may be gone, but we can use this moment as an opportunity to remember to support other local Lewisburg businesses.

# Is Twitter’s cookie jar communal?

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As we begin to spend more and more of our lives in a digital world, it’s been debated whether we are the users of the platforms we engage with or if we are merely being used for our data. In these times, it’s not guaranteed that the search engines and sites we access are taking the necessary steps to secure our privacy.

Former Twitter employee and whistleblower Peiter Zatko has shed light on Twitter’s inability to keep our information private. According to the Washington Post, Zatko exposed Twitter’s use of software deemed “vulnerable” and below their standard for strong security measures. He also claimed

that Twitter was too focused on increasing its user base. Zatko even claimed that Twitter had given government officials access to their ever growing user data by listing them as employees. Twitter continues to reject Zatko’s claims, sticking by the systems and softwares they have in place to combat spamming and maintaining user privacy.

I should note that Twitter is not the only platform raising concern. According to Ad Age, Google has recently announced the postponement of banning the use of third-party cookies that will continue to jeopardize user privacy. Though they claim that they are using this time to allow other organizations, especially those within the ad tech industry, to prepare for other

avenues to access consumer behavior, I do not see any other reasonable excuses for continuing to use third-party cookies, especially when other similar search engines like Apple’s Safari have implemented this change long ago.

It is easy to look at this news and think, “I’ve got nothing to hide, so what does this have to do with me?” I’d argue there are two major reasons why you should care. The first is regarding the information that you do actually want to keep private online, even though you might not realize it. The New York Times explains that data leaks happen frequently which may expose passwords that may lead to financial and personal information getting into the wrong hands. They

also suggest that while you might not explicitly tweet or post anything too telling on platforms like Twitter, hackers can put you and your personal information together like pieces to a puzzle using the websites you visit, the products you purchase, or even the people you follow.

The second reason to care about data security may be more obvious with Twitter. We live in a time where governmental organizations and politicians use platforms like Twitter as one of their main avenues of communication with the public. And just like your data that may be floating around the cloud (or wherever it’s stored), these entities and their data are also at risk of getting hacked. If their accounts are taken over or

private information stolen, this could lead to social or political instability within national or even global communities.

Both Zatko and Twitter’s comments following Zatko’s allegations are not completely proven, with Zatko being a previous employee who will not directly address why he no longer works at Twitter, and Twitter protecting its brand and backing its previous statements about user security. No matter what is true and what is not, it is still important to look critically at the websites and platforms you choose to engage with because we live in the digital age, where data that sits on laptop screens and tablets can have detrimental impacts on our lives if left unprotected.

# Education is built for politics

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At the University, the tradition of a liberal arts education — which promotes healthy discourse, critical thinking and engagement with a wide variety of views — is at the center of faculty’s approach to teaching. The goal of this educational philosophy, according to the school’s website, is to enable students to “gain a strong foundation for a lifetime of curiosity, exploration and personal fulfillment.” However, in the wake of political polarization and the age of misinformation, a problem has emerged.

Across the country, many stories about educators being

penalized for discussing their political beliefs have surfaced. Many of these incidents were the result of the way that educators handled their class discussions of the capitol insurrection, which is currently being investigated by a select committee in the U.S. House of Representatives.

First, it is important to explain an important distinction. Many of these aforementioned cases surround accusations that teachers are attempting to “indoctrinate” their students. Parents are quick to accuse teachers of bias in the classroom and will go so far as to say that teachers who touch on political news are spreading propaganda from their side of the political

spectrum. When it comes to university education, headlines from news sources will say that “The Radical Left” has weaponized the education system. However, studies widely suggest that teachers discussing political matters in the classroom has a negligible impact on students’ views.

Most people can probably agree that educators should try to remain politically neutral in the classroom, but that does not mean that political events and topics should be off the table. In fact, I would argue that education is innately political.

This sentiment is best explained by education expert Sonia Nieto. In her 2006 lecture

at Sarah Lawrence College, she astutely claimed that “teaching is inherently political work... teaching is political in the sense that power and privilege — through decisions about funding, curriculum, class size, testing, tracking, and other matters of policy and practice — exacerbate rather than ease social class and race inequalities. In effect, then, education helps determine the life chances of young people based on their identities and zip codes.” At the University, some majors require political discussions more than others. However, in general, teachers should teach in a way that promotes logical argumentation; in fact, they should also encourage

their students to engage with political ideas and debates as it relates to their respective majors. Issues like climate change, economic inequality and technological developments necessitate important discussions around these issues.

As we enter the new school year, consider the different ways that your professors’ personal politics and experiences influence their teaching. If approached in a manner that promotes dialogue and welcomes an array of perspectives, political discussions in the classroom can serve as an analytical asset to students and their level of comfortability with diverse views.



# Bucknell University

## welcomes our new students!

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The University's first-year orientation experience is a long-standing university tradition that many staff members and students take pride in. This year's orientation for the class of 2026 took place between Aug. 17 and 21. Recognizing the importance of becoming adjusted to college life and campus, the staff of Orientation Assistants (OAs), Leaders (OLs) and Coordinators (OCs) spent hours in preparation for the event to run smoothly. I was an OA and could not be more grateful to have had the opportunity.

Orientation was action packed with little downtime and lots of fun. Kick-off to the five days of orientation was move-in led by the Orientation staff and the football team who helped carry bags, fridges, bedding, rugs and all else into the first year dorms. Athletes working hand in hand with the Orientation Staff exemplified the strong unity amongst the campus community. The day continued with planned events for both new students and their parents to attend. At night the students engaged in a Just-Touched Down ceremony. Just-Touched Down was an icebreaker game that had the first-year students participating in fun activities to get to know each other and other halls. The stadium was full of energy during the Rock Paper Scissors tournament between all students.

With the lively night having been led by Orientation Leader, Jake De Luca '24, he described it as his favorite event: "My favorite moment during Orientation was definitely getting to MC our newest event, Just Touched Down, with fellow OLs Tiffany Jones '24 and Cams Moore '24. Plus, the energy was really high and the glow stick show was a snapshot moment I won't forget. Being on stage interacting with the Class of 2026 and seeing them bonding with one another in Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium really made the experience feel all worth it."

The Just-Touched Down ceremony was only the first of major events planned by the coordination team. Some other major events that occurred during Orientation include VIP Night at the bookstore, Ring the Street Festival, Hall Olympics and so much more.

There was not a day when first-year students did not have numerous activities to meet their new classmates. The Orientation Coordinator Taylor Armstrong '23 and Assistant Orientation Coordinator Evan Kilmas '24 were the heart and soul of the program. Both spent time with new students on campus to ensure the first-year students had the best start.

While talking to Armstrong about what made her become an Orientation Coordinator she said, "Following my role as an OA during 2020's COVID Orientation, I knew that my involvement with the program was not over. I had originally applied to be an OA in hopes

of creating a more accepting and welcoming campus for those often overlooked by Bucknell but did not have the opportunity to do so to my satisfaction. Wanting to leave a lasting positive impact on new students, I decided to apply for the OC position!" Not only does Armstrong show how much students care for one another but also how being a part of the Orientation Staff is a unique and rewarding experience as well.

First-year students also had the opportunity to listen to great speakers and have their own discussions about real problems on campus and colleges around the country. Eboné Bell, the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Speaker explained to the first-years the importance of an inclusive environment. All students come from a multitude of backgrounds and it is important for people to accept and embrace each other's differences.

Mike Domitrz, the founder of the Center of Respect and the author of "Can I Kiss You?", also gave an important talk regarding sexual assault on college campuses. Domitrz combined his great speaking ability with humor to get the audience active and engaged with a serious topic. The Orientation Staff was wise in choosing speakers that kept the students engaged during very serious topics about College life.

The combination of very fun activities with serious topics and discussions allowed the first-years to gain the skills they needed to be successful in college. First-year student Jack Barnett-Mould, was happy to talk about the program and said, "Orientation was a good way to meet your hall and start making friends on campus." and that the orientation staff, "... helped answer any questions I had and gave their specific experiences with Bucknell which was really helpful." Jack is just one of the many first-year students who felt that Orientation had a positive impact on them.

The Convocation Lighting Ceremony was the final event of First Year Orientation. The unique experience allows for the First Years to light a candle with their class and receive speeches from faculty on campus and President Bravman. The significance of this ceremony comes into play in four years when a very similar event occurs right before their graduation. The event comes full circle and is a great way for the students to cap off Orientation.

Getting to be a part of the Orientation staff and become close with such a great group of people is an experience I will never forget. I would highly recommend applying for the position to any student. Running orientation was only half of the fun; training and getting to know people on campus I normally would not was very special and something I'm very thankful for. Applications to become an Orientation Assistant open in early March. If you have any questions you can reach out to future Orientation Coordinator Evan Kilmas.





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Bucknell Public Safety does not adhere to the same transparency standards as other police, despite state law granting it “all the powers” possessed by local departments.

The Bucknellian submitted multiple right-to-know requests to the Department of Public Safety over the course of five months. But, each request was formally denied by Chief Anthony Morgan through email.

State law requires local, state and some public university departments to comply with right-to-know requests for public records, but private agencies — such as Bucknell — are not required to do the same. All universities that receive federal funding must comply

with rules set by the Clery Act, but these reports lack information that could be included in a right-to-know request.

The Department has moved to increase engagement with students and faculty under Chief Morgan’s lead, but many of the changes don’t establish the same oversight practices held by some public police departments.

#### Ambiguity of the “local agency”

“Bucknell is a Private Institution,” said Chief Morgan in his emailed response to a right-to-know request filed in April for all records pertaining to a 2018 assault case.

“We don’t fall under any categories within the right-to-know Law and I am not able to share these records with you.”

The department’s employment method determines whether an agency is subject to a right-to-know, said Teri Himebaugh, the executive director of the Philadelphia-based Police Transparency Project.

If they are employed by the city or state, then they’re subject to the law, she said. If officers are employed by the school, then they are private and do not need to comply. All Public Safety officers are employed directly by the University.

Despite its exclusion from the right-to-know transparency, Bucknell’s Department operates with all of the same powers as a local agency.

According to page eight of Bucknell’s 2021 Security & Fire Safety Report — created in compliance with the Clery Act — the University understands

its Public Safety officers to “possess and exercise all powers of a police officer including the authority to make arrests” when “on campus and in the immediate adjacent vicinity.”

Local agencies are defined by state law as “[a]ny local, intergovernmental, regional or municipal agency, authority, council, board, commission or similar governmental entity.”

As a private institution, Bucknell and Public Safety are not considered local agencies, but Melissa Melewsy, media law counsel for the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association, said the ambiguity of the “catch-all” phrase in the final sentence of the law could show Public Safety operating as a local agency.

Any department that is authorized to “carry weapons, make

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## Griot Institute to host Opening Celebration this weekend

Bridgette Simpson  
News Editor

Classes are in full-swing, and now campus organizations are kicking off their events too.

The Griot Institute for the Study of Black Lives & Cultures will be holding their annual Opening Event on the Science Quad this Saturday from 12–2 p.m. to commemorate the new academic year and return to campus.

The event will host drummers and dancers from the Soul in Motion African Dance and Drum Ensemble in addition to food, in-person conversations, and information about this year’s Griot Institute events.

Professor Jaye Austin Williams, Interim Chair of Critical Black Studies and member of the advisory board for the Griot Institute, explained the importance of the event in developing the relationship between the Griot Institute and the University’s Critical Black

Studies Department. Together, the two communities uplift, celebrate, and educate about Black lives and cultures.

“The Department of Critical Black Studies, which is its own separate entity, follows concerns of having a conversation with the Griot Institute around that aspect of Black life that is concerned with the myriad of conditions that still face Black people globally,” Williams said. “So there’s definitely a conversation to be had there.”

This opening event reflects the hard work and consideration deliberated all last year by the advisory board along with Michelle Lauver, Manager of Griot Programs, and Carol White, Interim Director of the Griot Institute.

“My understanding of this Saturday’s event at the Griot... it’s been going on since the beginning, since the founding director, the late Carmen Gillespie, envisioned this whole idea where

people come together. There are performances; there are a number of speakers,” Williams said.

“Scholars, people out in the field, scholar activists, artist activists, who are at this kind of intersection of culture and political activism... around issues that contemporary black people face all around the globe,” she added.

The Griot Institute normally offers spring courses with a series of speakers who are invited to campus.

“This year, what’s different is that there won’t be a course as the Griot is on partial hiatus, as it continues to regroup and produce additional programming, but we will continue to have speakers come in the spring,” Williams said.

More about the Griot Institute Opening Celebration happening on Sept. 10 at 12 p.m. can be found on the organization’s website, and additional information about the Critical Black Studies Department can be found on the University’s website.



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## Campus construction brings new facilities to student-athletes

Michael Taromina  
Contributing Writer

Any athlete knows that any athletics competition surface has a certain lifespan, and the beloved indoor track in Gerhard Fieldhouse has reached the end of its time.

The proper life expectancy of a track surface is about 10–11 years, but the last time it was revamped was in 2008. It was planned to be resurfaced in the summer of 2020, but COVID-19 delayed the project.

The indoor track was used for practice that year and was used for the winter of 2022. Coaches found after last year that for the purposes of safety and performance of all track and field student-athletes, as well as intramural and recreational participants, the entire floor needed to be replaced as soon as possible.

“The surface became very hard and worn out and it caused many more lower leg injuries than we would normally get, so obviously the team and my coaching staff are very excited about the new track surface that will be ready for usage very soon,” track and field head coach Kevin Donner said. “It will look better and feel better on the legs of our runners and jumpers.”

There will be a few alterations to the new track, in terms of color and design. The previous track was orange,

while this one will be blue. Additionally, the interior recreational courts will have some additional markings for sports such as pickleball and badminton, in addition to volleyball, tennis and basketball.

The finished project is about two weeks behind the original schedule, beginning in July and set to reopen on Sep. 19. However, because the weather has stayed warm in September, students-athletes can train on the grass outdoors and the outdoor track for now, which is not an inconvenience for the program. The company in charge of all construction is named Beynon.

“The fieldhouse has been offline since the project started. At this time of year, the biggest impact has been on the recreational side,” Jon Terry, associate director of athletics for the University, said. “From a varsity athletics standpoint, the venue is primarily used as a weather backup at this time of year.”

As the indoor track is being updated by the school’s administration, it will be used by the track and field student-athletes who, in general, seem excited about the new surface.

While the indoor track is being revamped in its layout, it is not the only one facility on campus that is being amended.

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# breaking the bubble

Bridgette Simpson  
News Editor

## DOMESTIC

As students across the country are heading back to school, the tension of the discussion surrounding race and gender has increased to an all time high. Books such as "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas, "Gender Queer" by Maia Kobabe, and "Me and Earl and The Dying Girl" by Jesse Andrews are being pulled off library shelves in Texas. Oklahoma and Florida have passed laws restricting access to books or the ability to teach about race and gender.

Maine's "Wreaths Across America" has raised the American flag every Tuesday since 9/11/2001, and plans to raise the flag for this coming 9/11 in remembrance of those who lost their lives. Three women began the tradition when they raised their American flags on 9/11/01, and continued the tradition for 19 years until they retired. "Wreaths Across America" took over, and invited everyone to join in raising their flags on this year's 21st anniversary of September 11.

## INTERNATIONAL

According to the Associated Press, Liz Truss of the Conservative Party was formally named Prime Minister of England after meeting with Queen Elizabeth on Tuesday. Her laundry list of things she aims to complete is long, but at the top is addressing the energy crisis posed by Russia's invasion of Ukraine; the threat of energy costs being pushed to unaffordable levels this winter is also at the top of her priorities as she assumes her new role to replace Boris Johnson.

Canadian authorities are searching for two suspects they believe are responsible for the deaths of 10 people after a mass stabbing, according to CNN. Their names are Damien and Myles Sanderson, 31 and 30 years old, respectively. Authorities and police believe that some of the victims that were stabbed were targeted, while others were random. Officials sent out a "civil emergency" as a result of Sunday's attack, and are still looking for the suspects.

## Campus construction brings new facilities to student-athletes

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Other developments include the installation of a new turf practice field adjacent to Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium, which is part of the Pascucci Family Complex project.

The initial phase of the project was the installation of the video board in CMMS in August 2021. The practice field is the second phase, and the Michael C.

Pascucci Team Center will be next year. "The gravel path around the west fields has received great reviews from our cross country runners," Donner said. "The footing is much smoother than grass yet it's still a soft surface which our runners like rather than asphalt."

For more information about this project, visit the University's athletics page.



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## What to do this weekend

Bridgette Simpson  
News Editor

1. 9/11 Heroes Run — Friday, Sep. 9 at 12p.m., Lewisburg, PA (Online Registration)

2. Women's Field Hockey vs. Central Michigan — Friday, Sep. 9 @ 4 p.m., Graham Field at Holmes Stadium

3. Men's Soccer vs. Mount St. Mary's — Friday, Sep. 9 @ 7 p.m., Emmitt Soccer Field at Holmes Stadium

4. DIY Yoga Mat Designs — Friday, Sep. 9th @ 5-9 p.m., Seventh Street Studio and Makerspace

5. Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen — Friday, Sep. 9 @ 8 p.m., Campus Theater

6. Red Cross/First Aid/CPR/AED Class — Saturday, Sep. 10 @ 9-11:15 a.m., American Red Cross: 249 Farley Circle, Lewisburg, PA

7. Griot Institute Opening Event — Saturday, Sep. 10 @ 12-2 p.m., Science Quad

8. Muslim Life Prayer and Dinner — Saturday, Sep. 10 @ 5-9 p.m., Fellowship House 628 St. George Street

9. Hydrodip Water Bottles — Saturday, Sep. 10 @ 5-9 p.m., Seventh Street Studio and Makerspace

10. Women's Field Hockey vs. Temple — Sunday, Sep. 11 @ 11a.m., Graham Field at Holmes Stadium



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# Investigative: “All the powers,”

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arrests,” and “enact powers on behalf of the government,” they serve “as a local agency for purposes of the right-to-know law,” she said.

**“We don’t fall under any categories within the right-to-know Law and I am not able to share these records with you.”**

Harrison Rosenthal, litigation fellow at free speech advocacy group FIRE, pointed to case law in Pennsylvania and within the Federal Circuit and said, “when sworn police officers at a private institution are acting under the color of law, and they have arrest authority, then their actions are generally within the public record and subject to Information Act requests.”

**What information will Bucknell share?**

Himebaugh said private institutions can still provide requested information to improve transparency, regardless of being beholden to the right-to-know law or not, but they might not want out of staff confidentiality.

The Bucknellian submitted three right-to-know requests to Public Safety to find what information the department would

be willing to provide.

The first right-to-know was requesting the Police Report from the 2018 assault case. After Chief Morgan’s denial, The Bucknellian briefly appealed the decision through the Office of Open Records, but it was eventually withdrawn.

A separate request was submitted in late August for the Public Safety officer training plan, listed in the Policy Safety Manual.

Himebaugh said publishing training directives should be among the first steps towards private police force transparency to determine if the directives are “state of the art.”

Morgan said that the documents were not subject to right-to-know, but he included the information through an excel spreadsheet listing mandatory general staff training, but does not address the level of training completed by individual police officers — something Morgan hopes to add in the next few months.

A third request, for documents pertaining to a recent campus larceny case, was denied by Morgan because the information was “directly from students and involving other students.”

“Federal law prohibits Bucknell from disclosing facts related to individual student conduct or personnel matters,” Morgan wrote in an email.

FERPA, a federal law that protects students from a breach of educational records, does not generally include police reports unless the report is part of a discipline record or conduct investigation with a student.

Bucknell does not distinguish between a police report

and documents in conduct investigation, meaning no case reported by Public Safety involving a student can be provided through right-to-know.

“Universities have a tendency to, I would say, over invoke FERPA as this all encompassing shield to block any sort of information from getting out that might put the university or college in a bad light,” Rosenthal said.

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“FERPA is narrowly tailored and limited to educational records and personally identifiable information regarding those educational records,” he added. “It’s not it’s not this blanket thing that the universities can put out as a means to try to block all information requests.”

Rosenthal said under regular right-to-know law, a local department would share all open record requests, but redact the personally identifiable information about any victims involved.

Morgan said he would need to “confer” with the University’s communications office and the General Counsel before making a decision on the redacted documents.

## Current and future practices

Any university that receives federal funding must release an annual security report and a daily public crime log, under the Clery Act, to maintain a certain degree of transparency. Bucknell’s 2021 Security & Fire Safety Report includes statistics on reported campus crime broken down by type, and the department’s efforts taken to prevent future crime. The log includes the type of crime committed, when it happened and a general location, sometimes referred vaguely as, “on campus.”

Neither the full report nor daily logs include information such as incident reports, training manuals and criminal records, which could be available through right-to-know law.

Himebaugh said the lack of document sharing required could cause transparency issues, especially if a department does not make student-filed complaints available — something Public Safety does not do.

Public Safety currently has an anonymous student feedback forum, called Guardian Score, to allow students to file

complaints after an incident. The program is only accessible through a QR code that is given out by each officer following an interaction.

During his seven months as Chief of Bucknell Public Safety, Morgan has published the Policy Manual online, which is not required for private institutions in Pennsylvania. Officers have also started wearing body cameras while they are on duty.

“Now body cameras are new and... if someone wants to come in and review the footage, and they’re involved, we certainly will do that,” Morgan said. Otherwise body cam footage can only be reviewed by members of the department.

Morgan said he created the Campus Safety & Advisory Committee, a student-led group, to gather “practices and patterns or ideas, or things, that students want to see.”

Jamie Grobes was recently hired as assistant director of Public Safety, Community Engagement and Partnerships, to act at the liaison between students and Public Safety.

The Committee does not have any oversight capabilities to hold the department accountable or enact policy change.

The Department, including Morgan, reports to Karin Riley, the University’s general counsel and chief of staff. She is the only oversight, other than President Bravman, for Morgan. The chain of command for Public Safety is not published in its Policy Manual.

*This article includes reporting by Nick DeMarchis and Griffin Perrault.*

# COVID-19 Dashboard quietly disappears from University

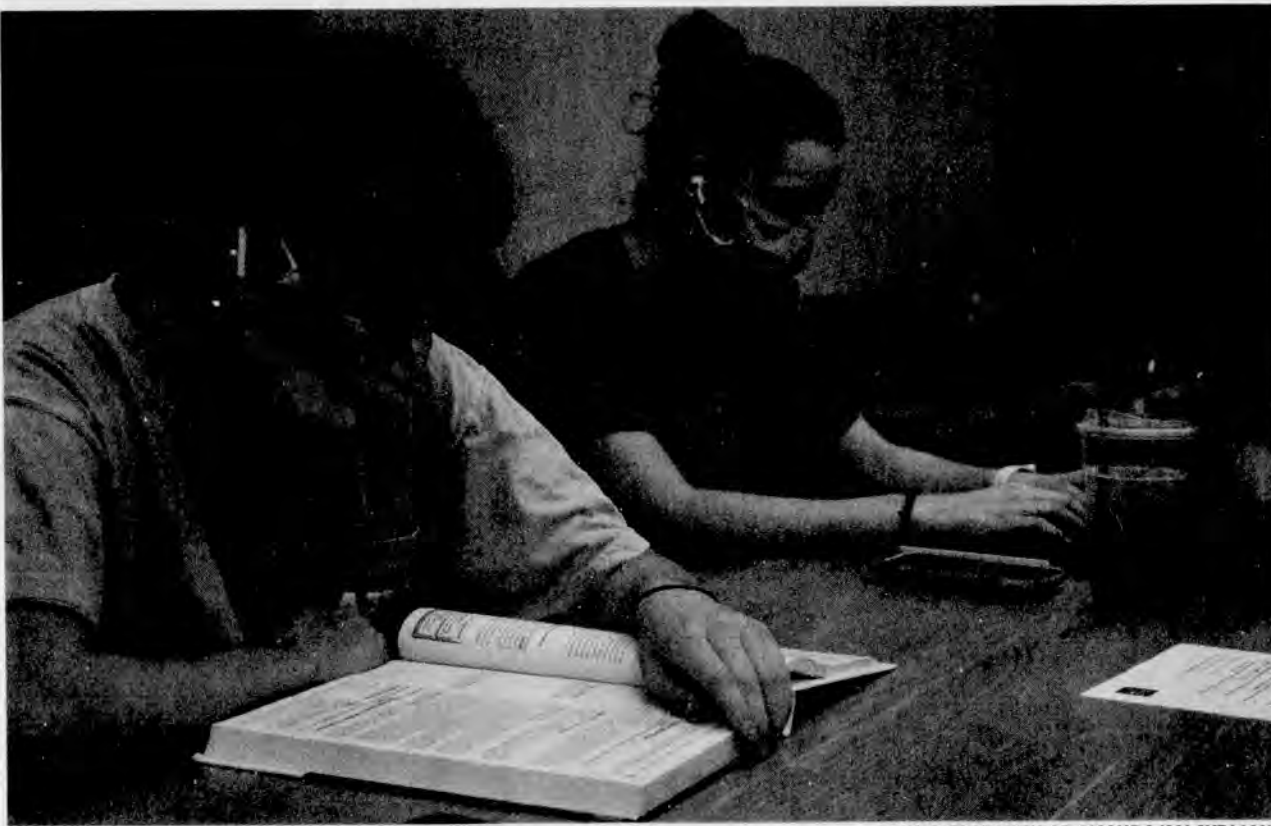


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**Bridgette Simpson**  
News Editor

The University discontinued routine testing, contact tracing and the COVID-19 Dashboard for all asymptomatic students in May.

It was also announced that isolation housing would no longer be available, apart from those in “extraordinary

circumstances,” and that COVID-19 positive students would need to isolate in their residences, on or off campus, or in their permanent residence.

Fall move-in took place the last weekend of August, and students were allowed to bring as many family members as they wanted to

campus. Union County currently has low to medium transmission rates of COVID-19, meaning that masks are not required indoors or outdoors. Professors and staff can still choose to mandate masks in their classrooms or offices, as some have elected to do.

“I would say that I think

the campus opinion of COVID has drastically changed,” Sara Micciulli ’23 said. “Whether people are just over it or believe things are 100 percent back to normal, I’m not sure, but it’s definitely been put on the back burner.”

Micciulli is one of the many students who was infected with COVID-19 during the 2020-2021 academic year but has been infected with the disease six times, leaving her with semi-permanent damage to her senses of smell and taste.

“I don’t know if I would say I’m afraid to get it again, seeing as I’ve had it so many times. But given that I have been very sick each time, I do think it would be less than ideal to have it again, obviously,” Micciulli said.

Micciulli is not the only one who has noticed the uptick of cases on campus.

“When classes started, my parents were visiting town, so I was masking to protect them,” Professor Joe Scapellato said. “I figured that I’d stop masking when

they left.”

But what kept Professor Scapellato from doing so was what he noticed in the weeks following his parents’ departure.

“Somehow I still haven’t caught COVID yet, at least not that I know of, so when I saw that cases on campus were climbing, I decided to keep masking,” he said. “It’s no great inconvenience.”

Some professors this year elected to remain mask-optional unless the transmission rate in Union County climbs higher than medium, while some have not mentioned it and others have required masks since day one of classes. Every professor has the choice to decide what they believe is best for this academic year.

Before the COVID dashboard was removed, it was reported that the overwhelming majority of students and professors were vaccinated, making the University less likely this academic year to have an outbreak as it was in years prior.

# 10 years ago in The Bucknellian: Racial Issues Creeping Into Higher Education Prove Worthy of Full Discussion

**Elaine Lac**  
Contributing Writer

For many people truly understand the effects of racism on higher education. For Dr. Robin DiAngelo, an expert in whiteness studies, her awareness of racial issues has led her to confront the issue head-on.

On Aug. 23 at the Elaine Langone Center Forum, DiAngelo explained that racism is very much a part of society, but in a different context than during the Civil War era. Now, there is an

unwillingness to mesh different racial groups.

“It’s hard for white people to get into this conversation, and like [DiAngelo] was saying, white people usually see it as a problem, but not as a personal problem. I think changing the lens from racism to whiteness makes it clearer that it is white people’s business which gets them into the conversation,” said Coralynn Davis, director of Women’s and Gender Studies.

DiAngelo used her teaching experience as an example; students who lived in predominately white areas wrote about their experience with racism. The responses generally came back as: “I was really lucky. I grew up in an all-white neighborhood, so I didn’t learn anything about racism.”

DiAngelo replied that this lack of exposure is the problem. She asked, “What if a person of color was introduced to the commu-

nity?” They might respond, “We didn’t have this terrible thing [racism] until another race came. Just because there isn’t exposure doesn’t mean the problem doesn’t exist. Being closed off from multi-racial relationships leaves people uninformed, and only reinforces this ‘new racism’ where instead of being aware of race, people ignore it.”

The influence of white culture can be found everywhere. In edu-

cation, which is DiAngelo’s main focus, 90 percent of teachers are white and the statistics are not shifting. In popular movies such as “The Lord of the Rings,” DiAngelo pointed out that 100 percent of the mythical creatures are white, while the enemies are portrayed as dark-skinned, indigenous looking monsters.

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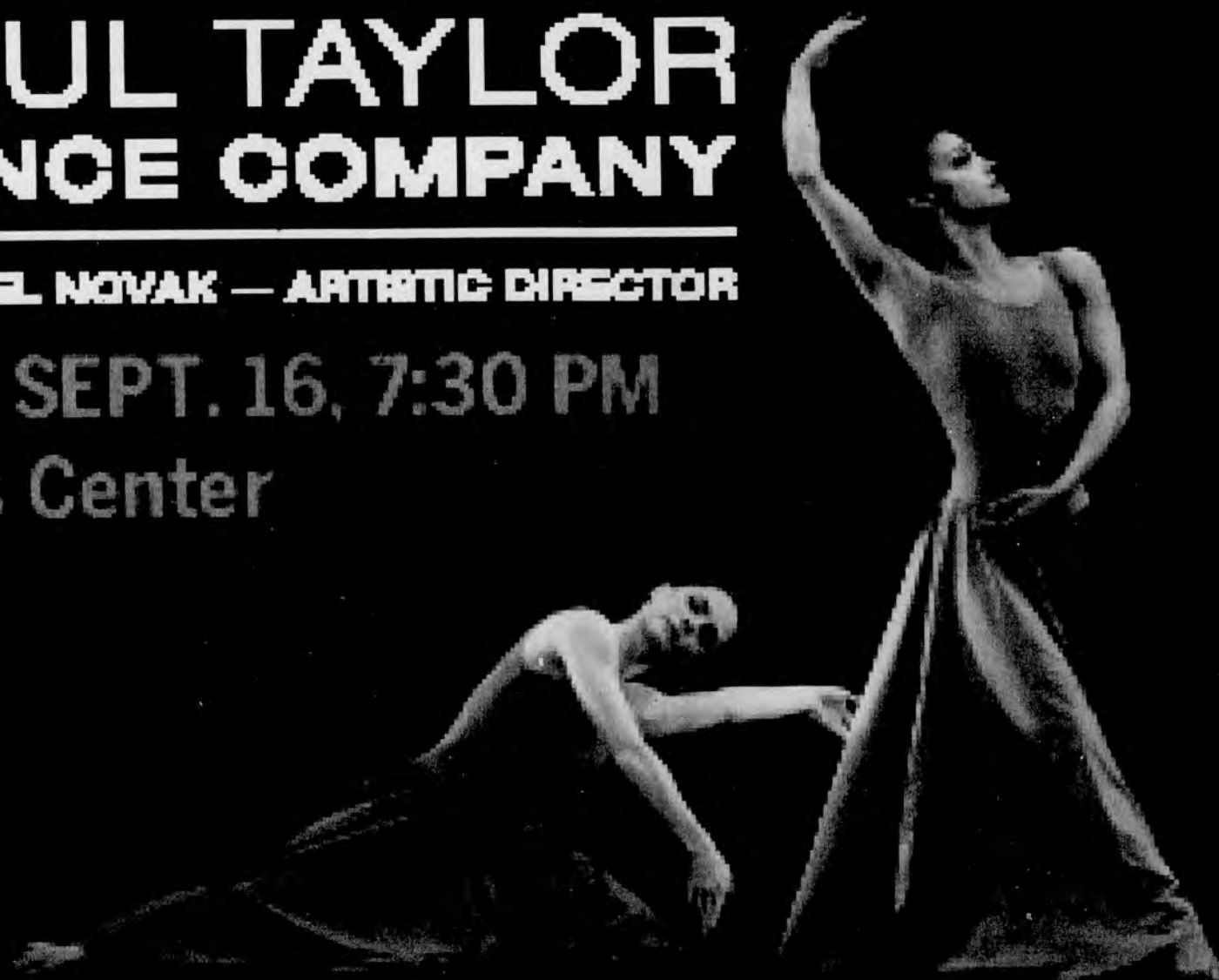
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## Concerns grow for students not being able to atop “Thinking Theta”

**Kelsey Werkheiser**  
Special Features Co-Editor

With sorority recruitment coming to a close, Kappa Alpha Theta is preparing to make their new sisters feel at home. Each sorority has a day where they celebrate their sisterhood by posting photos on social media, with Theta's being “Think Theta Thursday.”

“We really want our sisters to feel connected to one another, and to make the sorority their priority,” Sarah Ritty said. “Thinking Theta is a mindset, a way of life. When it began, it was meant to be a once-a-week thing, but it's started to carry over into other days of the week... some of the sisters have mentioned that they can't stop thinking Theta.”

There have been concerns that these infectious thoughts may begin negatively affecting other aspects of the sisters' lives, but the sorority can't risk the downfall of their power either.

“I'm hoping that I get a bid from Theta,” rushing sophomore Ben Lodge said. “Actually, I can't stop thinking about it. You know those moments where you want to fall asleep but your brain is awake? Well my brain is awake thinking about Theta.”

“It was Wednesday afternoon, and I was already there,” Lodge continued. “I was already thinking Theta.”

Some students are worried, scared even, that this hypnosis-like state may start expanding beyond just sorority members. Will everyone soon be thinking Theta? Will all Greek life eventually become one amalgamation of Theta-Thinkers? Who knows.

If you are a student outside of the sorority that has experienced symptoms of thinking Theta, Student Health has requested you report to them for urgent examination.

## Watch out! Here's 7 Brand-New Hazing Rituals Just In Time for Rushing Season

**AJ Lawrence**  
Contributing Writer

Welcome to Rush Season! If you're a student aiming to join a sorority or fraternity, or are already in one and gotta get more members, you better be ready for a crazy time of open houses, recruiting, interviews and parties. So many social events and gatherings, so many people to meet, how can one student possibly do it all?

Who knows! But what we do know is that once Rush starts up, the hazing follows soon after. And with policies and regulations changing, we've been seeing many new hazing rituals show up around the states. Ones that are much safer, but no less embarrassing to have to complete. So here is a heads up on some of the most popular new hazing rituals being employed:

Drink 2 liters of ranch. A pretty standard food challenge by all means, only proving disastrous for those lactose intolerant rushers. Let's hope your future brothers and sisters will take pity on you by chilling it first, and they won't make you down the ranch warm.

Stack five library chairs on top of one of the tables on the main floor without getting caught. Another pretty standard ritual, just make sure you have a look out while you stack the chairs

Spend a super in the Bucky the Bison costume. It's pretty hard getting your hands on the school's mascot costume, with it rumored to be locked in a secret vault

somewhere in the Fitness Center, so this will prove to be a harder challenge. And when there's only one costume, well, you better get to it fast

Form a boyband style singing group with three other rushers and perform a fully choreographed two-song set somewhere busy on campus in the middle of the day. No actual talent is needed for this one, just the determination to join your chosen GLO.

Publicly declare your love to a stranger through song in the Bostwick. Again no talent required, and you may as well kill two birds with one stone and do this with your recently formed band

Show up to class in full Victorian attire. Must be the real deal, no half-assing it, and anything worn on Halloween will not count! You could even go the Scrooge route with the nightgown and long sleep cap, then there's no bustles or tailcoats needed, it just has to be time period accurate

Finally, all rushers must participate in the campus Sorority vs Fraternity Medieval Battle Reenactment. Each rusher must provide their own cardboard and foam armor, weapons, and accessories, and they must be ready to fight for the honor and the glory of their GLOs. Failure to participate requires attending the next super in full medieval knights gear.

With that, our heads up to all rushers is done. Best of luck to all and to all a good rush.

**Maximus Bean**  
Satire Section Editor

While the art world is often composed of strange, often unusual pieces of imagery to reflect upon, few compare to the downtown Samek Exhibition, “You Never Know”, which closed this past Sunday.

Originally designed by Cliff Hengst (and advertised on every cork board on campus), this exhibition has a “use of cast-off materials and DIY technique makes even charged political topics seem human and approachable.”

Keep those descriptors in mind, they'll be important later. This curative description was taken from the gallery

page on the exhibition, which mentions that Mr. Hengst came down to Lewisburg for a dance party in June. This gallery page also has some pictures of the exhibition, if you would like to see it as well.

Now, while Mr. Hengst surely put a lot of thought and effort into his best works, it is difficult to say that this is his best. As an unlicensed art critic myself, I took a short walk down to the gallery to check it out, and the results didn't exactly “pop out” to me. They felt a little “flat,” actually. Do you get it? Yes, they're paper puns, because that's all that was there. When the museum described his visual style as a “thrift-store aesthetic,” they really meant

**Moira Weinstein**  
Staff Writer

The Seventh Street team strikes again!

The Seventh Street Café has continuously surprised us with their new and improved milkshake flavors, many following the trends of the season. Fall is just around the corner, as one can assume by the décor in the infamous café, and no one is more excited than the milkshake drinkers at the University. Not to be mistaken with the MILK drinkers, which are rightfully frowned upon by the entire community and formally banned from Seventh Street by President Bravman himself.

Nevertheless, we are seeing an uptick in bizarre new flavors on the menu. I guess the furniture isn't the only thing they're taking risks with! Aside from the OG flavors like White Oreo and Strawberry Banana, and even the seasonal ones such as Caramel AppleFrappe, new milkshakes have been announced this week.

## The 7th Street Cafe Has Big News!

First off, we have the peach charcoal milkshake, made with real charcoal blocks, for those days you forget to brush. Super convenient, tasty and nutritious! The Seventh Street Café is always looking out for you. Whether it's helping your breath or providing colorful cushioning for your derriere.

Next up we have the cotton candy Celsius milkshake, which most Seventh Street-goers are particularly excited for. This sweet, energizing drink is for those folks who got only 45 minutes of sleep last night. Like Celsius, the baristas add caffeine to the blender, in addition to the cotton candy flavoring, some ice cream of course and serve it up with those unnecessarily long paper straws we're all so fond of. Unlike Celsius, however, this unique shake has 800 milligrams of caffeine, while one can of the energy drink totals at 200. The convenience of this is wonderful! First, you save money and a trip to Giant, and you save time by drinking four cans of Celsius and having to run to the

bathroom seven times during your BIO lab.

The goal of the dining team here is to make life easier and fuller for their students. They understand that you might not have time for a trip to the bathroom or the dining hall early in the morning. Just stop by the Seventh Street Café, and for just 40 dollars you can have the drink of your dreams! Their new mission with the cotton candy Celsius flavor is to add excitement to your life. Ever since Brent Papson downloaded YikYak, the staff and administration have been made aware of the lack of motivation on campus, reading a lot of anonymous comments, like “the cycle of working until Friday drunkenness is getting sad.”

They decided to boost students' adrenaline with these new flavors, hoping that it fixes the issue, which it probably will! This Monday, head down to Seventh street for one of their new flavors, and maybe even take some time to try out each new chair. Trust me, it's worth it!

## Bingo Blingo Ends in Bloodbath After Outraged Student Body Reveals Rigged Cards

**Hayley Leopold**  
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, the University's CAP Center held their annual Bingo Blingo event on Sojka Lawn. How could a game popular amongst senior citizens possibly entertain college students? The answer is simple: bribery.

The CAP Center lured attendees by promising that lucky winners would win prizes including a 32-inch TV, a JBL speaker and a pristine Keurig machine. Since most people are too lazy to walk to Amami each day for their iced caramel lattes, the last prize was sure to guarantee a big attendance.

Students eagerly filled the lawn as cards were distributed, their high aspirations nearly palpable as they shook with excitement.

By the end of the first round, this excitement had shifted to infatuation. The CAP Center representative announcing numbers turned towards a student in the back of the lawn who was frantically waving his hands.

“We have our first winner!” he announced into the microphone.

Everybody was bewildered that somebody had already

won. Of course, I was wondering this too, since I was there and staring at my own entirely blank card. After all, you need at least five tokens to complete a row. Although I was relatively certain that only three numbers had been called, I decided to brush off the loss with hopes of a future victory.

As the games progressed, however, this trend continued. A winner was always announced after only three numbers! I was not the only person becoming suspicious. Students rose from their chairs to observe the winning cards and made a ghastly discovery: the winning cards were rigged! Rather than standard five-row cards, these cards only had three rows of letters.

My caffeine-deficient blood was boiling; somebody needed to pay the price for this devastating breach of the official Bingo guidelines (which everyone agreed to the terms of prior to the event via official contracts). These guidelines clearly stated that only cards with five rows could be used in official gameplay.

Lawn chairs soared through the air as outraged students

flung them in protest. Another group had stormed the prize table, snagged the tv, and repeatedly smashed their fists into the plasma screen until broken shards sliced their skin. The shrieks of outrage and horror exceeded the maximum volume of the JBL speaker, which a junior ran over with his motorcycle amidst the madness.

Blake Smith, member of the class of 2025, said, “The last I can remember is hearing O-75 called out. The next thing I knew, I was on the floor with a lawn chair on top of me and a broken leg.”

Blake was one of many injured during this catastrophic event. Due to the sudden influx of students swarming Student Health, the University desperately employed the help of biochemistry majors to diagnose all those who requested emergency consultations.

Did you miss out on last week's fun? No worries! Join the CAP Center next Friday for “Bingo Blingo: Platinum Edition” for a chance to win the demolished remnants of the prizes they reclaimed from the dumpsters.

## Samek Art Gallery Unveils Newest Exhibition: It's literally just words

the “thrift store” part. It was homemade protest sign-levels of thrift — and that's an insult to protest signs! People have come up with much more creative ones, really.

Now, it may seem like I'm being too harsh on it. People might argue that yes, these works of art may be on the basic side, but they're not that bad. Maybe someone could claim I'm “punching down” because of my criticism. Sure, I can admit that a few of those drawings aren't too bad — that is, the actual drawings, not the cut-out poster board with “BLEEFS” (don't look that up, I thought it was the word “beliefs” and I was wrong) and “UM AHH UMM” written on it.

I'll be blunt here, if someone is using a “thrift store aesthetic,” I'd take that to mean the artist is actually doing something with it. Make a diorama, make a project out of glued-together paint brushes or make some origami out of Florida Man news stories. There's a million ways to go about this apart from protest signs. If I wanted to see those, I'd take a day trip to the Supreme Court.

However, it's not all bad. The aforementioned drawings are relatively few amidst the protest signs, but they were the most appealing part of the exhibition for me. In fact, they were the best part of the gallery because I could actively derive something meaningful from

them. The subjects are rainbows, or humanoid figures clad in rainbow colors. The downtown gallery website says that “Cliff's work echoes the tragedy of the AIDS epidemic, queer activism and absurdist theater,” and I see those first two elements in these drawings (while the absurdist theatre is everything else on the walls).

Of course, Mr. Hengst had his work displayed in the Tang Museum in New York, Gallery 16 in San Francisco and in the Institute of Contemporary Art in Philadelphia, so that being said, he is much more successful in his craft than I ever will — so it wouldn't technically be punching down anyways.



## JR's Soft Pretzels: a true mom and pop shop

Connor Bennett

Downtown Lewisburg is home to some of the most unique restaurants with delicious food—JR's Soft Pretzel shop is no exception. Since the opening of the shop in 2019, it has been a favorite snack spot for students. With their extensive menu of pretzels, baked goods and salads there's something for everyone to try.

The self-proclaimed, "Small family business living the dream!" exemplifies the American spirit of starting your own business. Customers of the shop rave about the staff's kindness and generosity. This hidden gem in downtown Lewisburg is representative of the communities and culture of the surrounding area.

Students said they appreciate the welcoming environment provided by the store and also enjoy the food options they have to offer.

"JR's pretzels is the absolute embodiment of a mom and pop store, smack down in the middle of downtown Lewisburg," Matthew Misiukiewicz '23 said. "It allows students and residents to enjoy divine homemade pretzels made with the heart and soul of our area's surrounding culture."

In and around Lewisburg, the Amish community is prevalent and has a large impact on both the food and culture. JR's Pretzel Shop is Amish-run and produces pretzels based off of traditional Amish recipes.

Pretzel-making has been an Amish tradition for centuries and JR's allows for the University students to experience a culture they may not be used to. The University's location may not be ideal for students who want to travel and get off campus on the weekends; however, having a large Amish community located so close to campus allows for students to witness and in some ways experience an entirely different lifestyle.

Downtown Lewisburg is about a five minute walk from campus and students, offering a number of diverse food options.

The shop is very versatile for a pretzel shop. Aside from pretzels, JR's makes both baked goods and salads. Both of those can be custom ordered through the website. Pretzel bite platters are a popular customer favorite and are perfect for a club meeting or get together. Students should take advantage of these orders due to the quality of the food and the very affordable prices.

Seasonal specials are also very popular at the shop. For holidays such as Christmas and Easter, exclusive flavors of pretzels and baked goods are available. The menu is constantly changing and makes sure that customers have the opportunity for a new experience every time they go. If a food item you want is not on the weekly menu, a simple call to the restaurant is all that is needed for them to custom make it for you. The customer-service at JR's embodies the Amish community's empathy and care for the people of Lewisburg.

Talking to students, breakfast is clearly the favorite meal from the shop. Many students love the chance to purchase high quality food off campus at such low prices.

When talking to avid JR's customer, Tripp Needham '23, he had this to say about his favorite food from the shop: "all of the breakfast pretzels are great but my favorite is egg and cheese. Also great customer service!"

Once again, customer service is something that JR's puts first and truly cares about, and it does not go unnoticed by their loyal customers. Many students find the breakfast pretzels are definitely a great way to start your day and a good break from the cafeteria food.

Ben Sandusky '23 is another fan of the breakfast from JR's.

"JR's is a great spot for a quick breakfast. Prices like JR's are sometimes hard to find at other places on Market Street," he said.

It is clear from the astounding amount of positive reviews that anyone who has not yet tried their breakfast must during their time at the University. The location of the shop could be holding back potential customers as it is located in the middle of Market Street but is slightly tucked away and could easily be passed. For the next time you are downtown, the address of the shop is 230 Market Street.

COVID-19 was very tough for the restaurant industry, but JR's stuck through it and is still open. The dedication of the owners and amazing customer service is why JR's is so beloved by many students.

For those interested in supporting the local business, the hours of the store are Mondays and Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.





# THE BUCKNELLIAN

# sports

**B1**—September 9, 2022

## Bison Men's Soccer goes 1-1 this weekend

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The men's soccer team traveled to New York to compete in Marra Athletic Fields against St. Bonaventure University on Friday.

The Bonnies managed to keep a two goal lead, despite continuous pressure from the Bison. The Orange and Blue outshot the Bonnies 14-9 and controlled possession 65 percent of the game, but were unsuccessful in the quest to find the back of the net.

Despite this, the Bison continued to win battles on the field and attempt to even the score. Marco Valentic '26 stood out in particular, leading the team with four shots on the day. Notably, Valentic had a good look from the top of the box that was ultimately cut off by a defender in the first half. Charlie Holmes '26 also had some quality chances, including an 83rd minute shot that screamed just wide of the net.

Bison defender Matt Owusu '24 spoke of the game, calling it an "unlucky result but an overall great performance from the team." Owusu considers this to be "the turning point of our season."

On Sunday, the Bison earned their first win of the season against Saint Peter's University. The two goals were scored by All-Patriot League player, Jordan Miller '24 and Mo Tall '23. Both goals were scored in the last ten minutes of the game. The moment was especially special for Tall because it was his first career goal, as he missed the entirety of his junior season with an injury.

The Orange and Blue have hopes for further victories as they play Mount Saint Mary's and Saint Francis this weekend. The games will be held on the Bison's very own Emmitt Field.

## Upcoming Events

### Men's Tennis

- @ Villanova Invitational, 9/9

### Field Hockey

- vs. Central Michigan @ 4 PM 9/9

### Volleyball

- @ Buffalo, 5 PM 9/9

### Men's Soccer

- vs Mount St. Mary's, @ 7 PM 9/9

### Men's and Women's Cross Country

- @ Siena Invite, 10 AM 9/10

### Men's Water Polo

- @ Princeton, 10:30 AM 9/10

### Football

- @ VMI, 1:30 PM 9/10

### Women's Soccer

- @ West Virginia, 1 PM 9/11

## Bison Men's Golf takes 8th at Alex Lagowitz Invitational

**Morgan Sohosky**  
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's golf team traveled to Hamilton, N.Y. last weekend to compete in the Alex Lagowitz Invitational at Seven Oaks Golf Club hosted by Colgate University.

Finishing with a team score of 2-over 290 on Sunday, the men took ninth place in an extremely competitive field. The Bison were competing against 13 other teams. Jackson Bussell '23 led the team to a 16-over weekend finish after Bussell finished with a subpar total of 2-under 214 placing him in sixth. Also heavily contributing to the team's success was Blake Wisdom '23 with a weekend total of 3-over 219 along with James Key '26 scoring 4-over 220.

Leading the Bison was senior Bussell who finished in a tie for sixth overall out of the 91 players in the field. Bussell had 15 birdies in 54 holes with a 6-hole, 5-under stretch on the second day of the tournament. Alongside him was Wisdom with a 3-over finish on the weekend for 24 place. Key had a steady last round of even-par 72 with two birdies and two bogeys to balance each other out. Josh Holtschlag '23 shot a 4-over 76 on the last day of the invitational. Jack Gardner, one of the four seniors on the team, had a solid last round as Key did, shooting a 2-over 74. James Robbins '26, one of the two traveling first-years, finished at plus 22. This was both Key and Robbins' first time traveling for the University.

The Bison have until Sept. 17 to prepare for their next tournament in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. at 1912 Club hosted jointly by Cornell University and Temple University.



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## Men's Crew breaks new water

**Haley Beardsley**  
Print Managing Co-Editor

In July, Bucknell Club-Varsity Crew ended a phenomenal 2022 season with a trip across the pond to the Henley Royal Regatta.

Before placing 182nd in the most historical and prestigious regatta for Men's Crew, the team who won the Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference (MARC) Championships, had two boats win medals at the American Collegiate Rowing Association (ACRA) National Championship Regatta (including a gold in the 3rd Varsity 8). The team is led by Coach Dan Wolleben and Assistant Coach Henry Leonardi.

The Men's Crew program has a longstanding history on Bucknell's campus. While it was formalized as a school sport in the 1980s, the crew's history dates back to 1873 when the first crew club was founded by David Jane Hill, who later became President of the University.

In 2002, the men's crew was reclassified as a club-varsity program in response to Bucknell's commitment to achieving gender equality in athletics through Title IX. However, the designation has never inhibited the success or competitiveness of the program, which is reflected in the monumental achievements of their past season.

At the MARC Championship, the 1V8, 2V8, and 4+ swept the competition to claim the championship conference title. In a blog post written

by Coach Leonardi, he details the V4+ was tasked to compete in the first grand final of the day, but was "unfazed by the pressure," and they "established a commanding lead at the halfway point which it extended to open water by the finish line." Similarly, the 2V8 held a substantial lead throughout the race and ultimately finished nearly 30 seconds ahead of their nearest competitor. The 1V8 had an incredible performance with neither boat—Bucknell or Lehigh—giving "an inch on the opposing crew for the first 1750m," and a captivating video review confirming Bucknell's victory by 0.3 seconds.

While the MARC was an impressive showing, the ACRA Championship is where Bucknell Men's Crew can truly test their training. In the grand final, the 2V8 was tight with Michigan and George Washington, but Bucknell crossed the finish line for bronze "to cement itself as one of the strongest 2v's the program has ever produced," as described by Coach Leonardi. The 3V8 had a program-history-making performance by seizing the opportunity "to drop the hammer" and be the first ever Bucknell 8+ to win the gold at the ACRA National Championships. The team placed 6th overall.

"This result is really a testament to the work that the coaches and

rowers have put into the program to make it as fast as possible," Zach Gerhardt '24, the team's junior class representative, said. "We knew coming into the weekend that we would be a competitive crew, but seeing two of our 5 boats come across the line in a medaling position was so electrifying."

To end their season, the Men's Crew traveled internationally to compete at the Henley Royal Regatta. The event is undoubtedly the best-known regatta in the world that hosts over 700 crews annually on the Thames River in England. Gerhardt describes the Henley as being like the Superbowl for a rower as "you watch the livestream and watch replays of tight races just in awe of the absolute pinnacle of the sport."

"Being at the Henley Royal Regatta was a surreal experience," Luca Arvanitis '25, the team's sophomore class representative, said. "As a competitor, you race down the course while tens of thousands of people from all over the world and Europe watch you race down while wearing suits and lavish dresses."

The participation and incredible ranking earned by the Bucknell Men's Crew team reflects the dedication and commitment throughout the entirety of their season.



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## Men's and Women's Cross Country start their seasons off strong

**Noor Kaur**  
Contributing Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams begin with a strong start at the Bison Opener on Friday evening.

The women's team came first over opponents including Lafayette, American and Loyola, with several runners claiming a top-20 spot. Abby Paczewski '24 led the pack, finishing in first place with a 14:15.4 time. Following closely behind, Caryn Rippey '26 finished second with a time of 14:16.0 and Ally Clarke '24 third with a time of 14:17.9.

Keeley Misutka '25 (14:39.6), Laura Sakol '24 (14:45.4), and Asta Rustad '23 (14:51.1) joined Paczewski, Rippey and

Clarke in holding top-10 spots, finishing seven, eight and 10, respectively.

Paczewski eagerly sets her focus on the rest of the season.

"We're a whole new team this year, as we lost a dominant senior class, so it'll be exciting to see how the season turns out," Paczewski said. "We now have to step up and push each other a little more. We are a young but motivated group, who could do some damage at the Patriot League Championship in October."

On the men's side, Sam Whittaker '23 agrees.

"It's great to start the year off with a team win," he said.

"But, it's right back to work if we want to show Army, Navy and Boston what we are made of come the League Championship."

Whittaker took first place on Friday, finishing 21 seconds ahead of the runner-up with an 18:28.1 time. Freshman Trent Dinant '26 followed in third place at 18:58.8, with sophomore Grayson Crockett '25 (sixth, 19:12.7) and freshman Henry Didden '26 (10th, 19:17.0) claiming top 10 spots as well.

After a successful weekend, both teams will compete in the Siena Invite in Loudonville, N.Y. this coming Saturday.



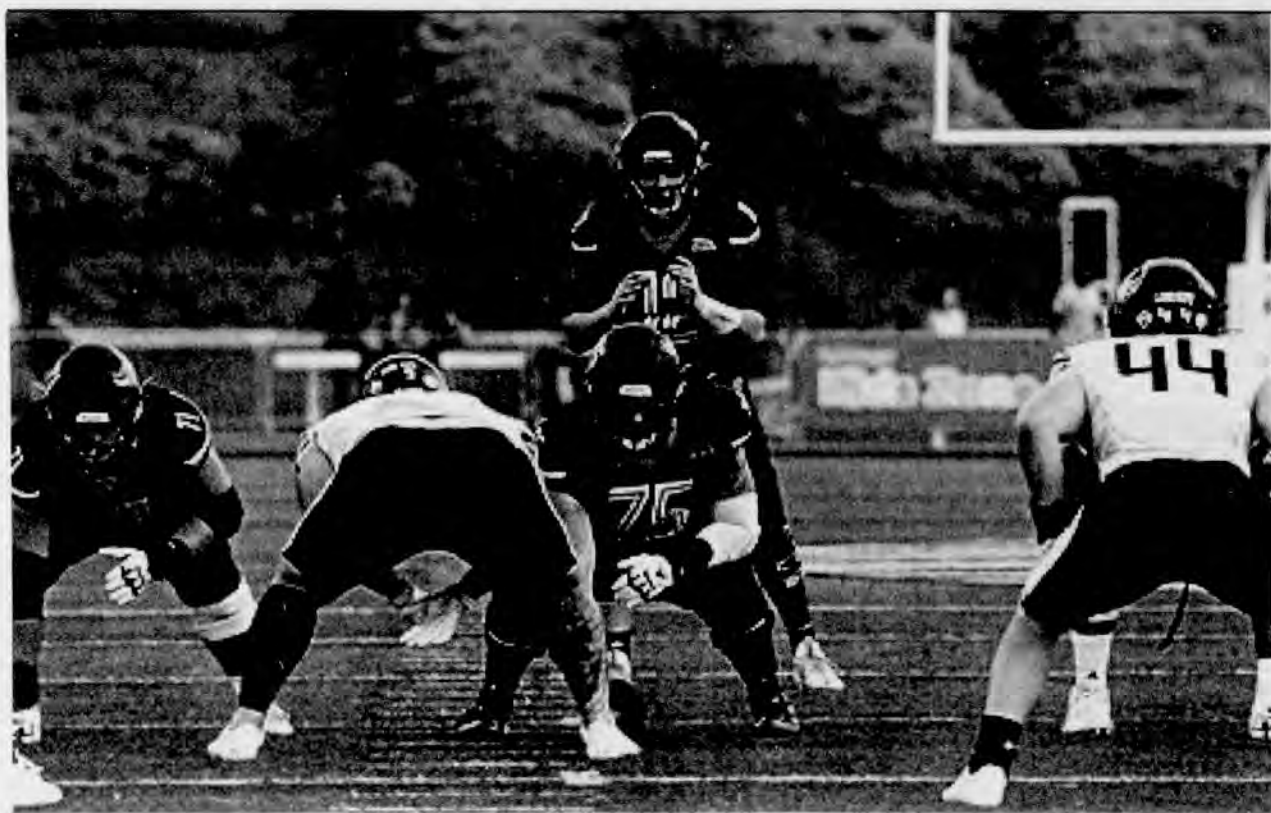


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## Bison football falls short to Towson Tigers

Madison Rehak  
Contributing Writer

The Bison played the Towson University Tigers, in both teams' season opener, this past Saturday at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.

The first two quarters in the game showed a strong defensive contest between the Tigers and the Bison, where no points were scored. The score remained 0-0 for both teams until the final two minutes of the third quarter where the Tigers scored a touchdown. The Bison did not let up and came out in the first 37 seconds with an epic 69-yard run from Rushawn Baker '25, followed by a 1-yard touchdown pass from Ethan Grady '25 to Christian Spugnardi '25, leveling the score and leading both teams into overtime.

In overtime play, Towson capitalized on a 4-and-8 conversion on the first possession, taking the lead of 14-7. The Bison returned with another touchdown from a third-and-goal pass from Grady to Spugnardi, yet again, with the assistance of Coleman Bennett '24 and Baker to get the Bison to the 4-yard line. The Bison eventually fell short 13-14 to the Tigers, but did not let up and played with heart throughout the match.

The Bison ran 149 yards, with Bennett completing 60 yards and Baker completing 95. Grady completed 12 of 31 passes for 158 yards with two touchdowns. Captain Brent Jackson '23 and Blake Leake '24 totaled 12 tackles.

"We fought hard for 60 minutes and the game could've

gone either way. Loved the fight my brothers showed and I know we're going to continue to get better and have a successful year. We play for each other and love one another and that will lead to a special season," linebacker Cooper Kim '23, said.

"Saturday was a tough game, but I'm proud of the way we battled as a team. We showed lots of improvement from last year as we are more experienced and have grown a great deal this off season. I'm really excited about the potential we have this season," Jackson said.

Looking forward, the Bison will take on Virginia Military Institute at Alumni Memorial Field in Lexington, Va. Tune in on ESPN+ to support the team in their next game.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Samuel Whittaker '23



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Caleb Wooten  
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### Profile

#### Sport

Cross Country

#### Hometown

Salem, Conn.,

#### High School

East Lyme

#### Position

Distance

Samuel Whittaker '23 started his senior cross country campaign in blazing fashion this past weekend, picking up an impressive win (18:28.1) on the 6k course, as he beat the rest of the field by over 21 seconds.

The senior captain controlled the race from start to finish, largely due to the work he has put in throughout the summer.

"This is a big year for me personally—senior year," Whittaker said. "A lot of work went into it, so I feel like I'm right where I left off this past outdoor season, if not a little better. My cross country career has been filled with ups and downs, but I feel better than I ever have coming into this year."

The motivated Whittaker was a large part of the team title won this weekend for the Bison, which is the second straight team title for the team at the Bison Opener. The Orange and Blue are looking to build off of this impressive win into the rest of the season, as they have huge aspirations for the rest of the year.

"This year I think we have one of the best teams we've had in the last six or seven years. We returned a lot of guys, and the first years really took

the summer seriously and look ready to contribute," Whittaker said. "I think we are capable of breaking up Army, Boston and Navy at the Patriot League Championship, who have consistently been at the top of the league recently. To take them down would be good, and I definitely think we can do just that."

The success of the Bison will largely depend on the captain who is very much accustomed to leading the pack. The star distance runner has been a key component of the team since he arrived, as he racked up multiple podium finishes at Patriot League Outdoor Championships last year, Second Team All-League in Cross Country in 2021 and earning All-East honors in the 5k, a race in which he is top five in school history.

Whittaker and the rest of the Bison are looking forward to continuing the success they found this past weekend throughout the rest of the season, which starts with the Siena

### Career Stats

32nd place in 10k  
2021 NCAA Cross  
Country

## Bison Field Hockey continues to compete on the road

Brooke Tracey  
Contributing Writer

The Bison field hockey team remained on the road this past weekend, facing Kent State University in Ohio on Sunday.

While the Orange and Blue opened up the score in the second quarter, the Kent State Golden Flashes found much success in the third quarter to secure the victory.

The Bison competed for the entirety of the game, especially prior to the half. Both teams remained scoreless throughout the first quarter of play, until the Bison took charge in the second quarter.

Lily Neilson '25 scored off of a penalty corner at minute 21 of the game. Just 38 seconds later, the Bison received another

penalty corner, leading to Mia Fields '24 securing her first career goal. The Orange and Blue continued to press, outshooting the Golden Flashes 9-4 in the first half.

The Bison came out of half time feeling confident, but were quickly met by an eager Kent State team. Just five minutes into the third quarter, goalkeeper Clara McCormick '23 made a strong save off of a penalty corner, but the Golden Flashes continued to press the Bison. Nine minutes into the quarter, Kent State found the back of the net, narrowing the Bison lead 2-1.

Just over a minute later, the Golden Flashes found the net again, evening the score. Only

two more minutes of play passed until Kent State would score the final goal of the match, securing a 3-2 victory on the day.

In speaking to Kari Melberger '24 after the game, she said that the team played well as a whole, and has "the potential to learn and grow from this game and have a very successful upcoming weekend against Central Michigan and Temple."

Despite the road loss, the Bison remain optimistic about the future. They are excited to return to Lewisburg this weekend, facing Central Michigan at 4 p.m. on Friday in their home opener, followed by a 11 a.m. match against Temple University on Sunday.

## Women's Soccer secures a win

Charlotte Dursee  
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday night, the Orange and Blue Women's Soccer Team traveled to Binghamton, N.Y. for a match against the Bearcats in non-league play.

A mix of efforts from upperclassmen and new Bison contributed to their second shutout this season.

The offensive players dominated on the Bearcats end. Teresa Deda '25 and Rylee Donaldson '23 managed seven shots on goal each. Abby Gearhart '23 and Petie Nassetta '23 kept the team in order from the midfield. On the defensive side, Olivia DeConinck '25 held the defense together as center back.

Donaldson was able to put the Bison on the board early on during the match. Gearhart sent a ball over her head. Donaldson took a shot on goal but was initially unsuccessful. She followed

up on the rebound and tapped the ball in for her third goal on the season.

"When I scored, I was immediately so excited," Donaldson said. "I was [hyped] to put the team ahead and give us a nice cushion early in the first half. The best part is always celebrating with my teammates after the goal and hearing Ray Bucknell play."

Binghamton tried responding with multiple attempts on goal and four corner kicks. Binghamton was overall unsuccessful, despite taking control of the game moments after the Bison's goal.

The Bison took back control of the game at the end of the first half. Donaldson got off six more shots during this time and managed to put the pressure on Binghamton's defense. Both teams swapped goalies for the second half. Kaylee Donnelly '23

and Jenna Hall '24 finished with a total of six saves combined.

The Bison had their second goal in the 66th minute of the game. Deda put up a long corner kick, which met the head of Sydney Hess '26. Deda is now tied for most career assists.

"I think the biggest take-away for the team in the game against Binghamton was how well we play when we are moving the ball quickly and getting the entire team involved. It was a true team win and we had great success in combo play," Donaldson said.

The Bison also traveled to Ohio on Sunday to compete against Youngstown State, but were unable to secure a second win of the week.

The Orange and Blue travel both Towson and West Virginia this upcoming week to secure more wins.

## It was a successful weekend for Men's Tennis

Clara McCormick  
Sports Editor

This past weekend the Orange and Blue men's tennis team competed for the first time with their new head coach, Jason Cohen.

Cohen stepped into the position previously held by Bruce Myers, who was head coach of the Bison for six seasons.

The Bison proved themselves to their new coach, finding much success in the Bucknell Invitational. Rookies Amar Tahirovic '26 and Brendan McDonald '26 won both their singles matches on Friday. Tahirovic won his match 6-0, 6-0 against his opponent from Lafayette, and McDonald claimed a 6-2, 6-0 win over a Mount St. Mary's player.

Nick Mueller '23, Ink Chen '24 and Per Astrom '23 also came out victorious in their singles matches on Friday. Mueller, against a St. Francis (PA) player, won 6-4, 6-4. Chen defeated his Lafayette opponent 6-4, 6-1 and Astrom, facing a Mount St. Mary's player, claimed a 6-4, 5-7, 11-9 victory.

The rookie and veteran players, McDonald and Mueller, teamed up in doubles on Friday as well,

defeating St. Francis players 7-5 in the match.

On Saturday, the McDonald-Mueller duo came out victorious again, winning the doubles title for the tournament.

In the singles matches on Saturday, Tahirovic reigned victorious in the A singles, winning the tournament after defeating a St. Francis player and Lafayette player. The score of the final game was 6-2, 6-1, an easy win for the rookie. McDonald won the B singles, also very easily, defeating a Mount St. Mary's player 6-2, 6-2.

Michael Owen '23 also won the consolation draw.

McDonald spoke on the weekend. "This weekend's invitational was a promising start to this season. Having the home crowd support definitely helped the team and brought a lot of energy. Under our new head coach, I believe the team has an important piece that will lead us to a very successful season. We are excited and motivated as we move onto this weekend," McDonald said.

This weekend, the men's team will compete at the Villanova Invitational, Sept. 9-11.



# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### Lacrosse star to the NFL: an unlikely journey

Kaylee Donnelly  
Contributing Writer

With the start of the NFL season in full swing, an unlikely player has arisen through the excitement of the first few games and fantasy football drafts.

Jared Bernhardt, a rookie from the University of Maryland, has made his way into the NFL by taking a rather strange path.

Bernhardt's career at Maryland had almost nothing to do with football. A shining lacrosse star, he played all four of his years with the Terrapins, winning a championship title in 2017 as a freshman and then earning the Tewaaraton Award in 2021 during his final year. As the nation's best collegiate lacrosse player essentially, Bernhardt had earned the lacrosse equivalent of a Heisman trophy.

His final season in Maryland was not the end of his athletic career, however. Bernhardt transferred to Ferris State for his graduate year, playing quarterback

for the Division II school's football team. Even more impressively, the first year collegiate quarterback was able to lead the team to an undefeated season and national title.

He wasn't an amateur to the sport of football, but it was his first collegiate level battle and first time on the field officially since high school. Bernhardt played both lacrosse and football throughout high school, totaling 236 goals while playing lacrosse, and 30 touchdowns as a quarterback. Despite his success in high school football, the lacrosse opportunities he was offered ultimately beat out his football ones, leading him onto his career at the University of Maryland.

Bernhardt entered the 2022 NFL draft after his time at Ferris State but was converted into a wide receiver. Despite putting up decent stats, he went undrafted. It wasn't until

the Atlanta Falcons, in need of wide receivers, picked up Bernhardt so he could get a chance to show what he could do.

It was at preseason camp that Bernhardt was able to capitalize on this chance, showing surprisingly well to the Falcons staff. It was in the final preseason game that Bernhardt scored the winning touchdown, securing his spot on the Atlanta Falcons. This lacrosse star turned quarterback turned wide receiver beat several odds, making his way into the pros over some long trained personnel.

While it's uncertain at the moment whether Bernhardt will make the lineup in the regular season, it's certainly an interesting story and an impressive showing of athleticism. One will have to watch the Falcons lineup as the team heads into regular season play and see if Bernhardt can make an impact on the field.



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### Women's tennis win at Bucknell Invitational

Hannah Stuck  
Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue Women's Tennis team had a successful opening weekend by going 5-1 in singles and 3-1 in doubles on Friday.

Tyne Miller '24 started off the day strong with a win, coming 6-1, 6-1 over a Saint Francis opponent in a singles match, while rookies Abby Platt '26 and Mirra Manolov '26 both won for the Bison, securing their first victories for the Orange and Blue.

Anna Lajos '25 beat a Mount St. Mary's opponent 6-2, 6-1. Madi Sebulsky '24 had a win in the B Singles Flight, beating her Saint Francis opponent 6-1, 6-1.

All the members of the Orange and Blue moved onto the quarterfinals for singles.

On the doubles end, Miller and Platt also competed, beating Lafayette 6-1 in the A flight. In the B flight, Whitney King '25 and Caroline Marcus '25 won 6-0. Kate Novak '24, partnered with Manolov, also moved on in the tournament.

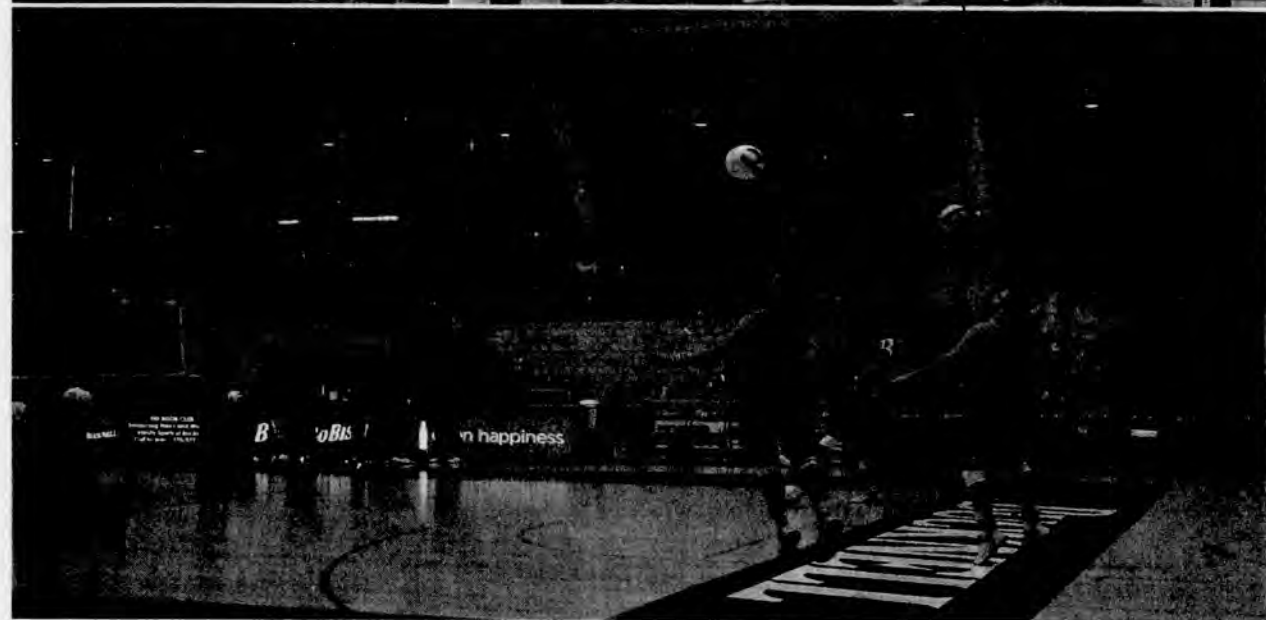
Manolov then continued her streak, winning two more

singles matches to advance to the finals in the B Singles flight, while Miller and Anna Lajos won their quarterfinal matches. Miller and Platt ended up taking third place in the competition.

"This past weekend was a great success," Miller said. "It is always so awesome to be able to host our first competition of the year. It was so exciting seeing the new freshmen compete for the first time on our courts and competing alongside all the returners again. We've been working so hard already this year and have such great team spirit that this was the best way to kick off the year."

Going into Sunday, Miller and Lajos came up short, losing in the semifinals for the A Singles flight. Manolov continued her stellar performance, making it to the B Singles Championship. Unfortunately, she fell lost to the singles opponent from Mount St. Mary's in the finals.

The Orange and Blue compete in three weeks at the West Point Invitational Sept. 23-25.



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### Bucknell Women's Volleyball is making history

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This weekend, the Bison women's volleyball team hosted the Bucknell Invitational in Davis Gym.

The team now stands at 6-0 after a stellar undefeated performance over the weekend.

On Friday, they played four matches against George Washington University (25-27, 25-17, 25-14, 25-18). Following a close first set loss, the Bison held their own in the next three to continue their spotless season.

Against New Jersey Institute of

Technology, the Bison secured a win in three matches (25-20, 25-21, 25-17). The Bison hit .232 while NJIT sat at .140.

In the final game of the Bucknell Invite, the Orange and Blue made history, securing a 6-0 season start due to their victory against Long Island University (25-22, 25-20, 25-16). The Bison took an early lead and cruised to a 25-16 win in the final match of the weekend. Bri Frazilus '26 and Cat Jamison '24 combined for 26 kills, assisting

in a .209 hitting percentage.

"This past weekend was pretty rewarding for us," Sandra Korusiewicz '23 said. "We have a great team chemistry, and get along well on and off the court. Our hard work in practice and beyond the gym pays off. We hope to carry on with the winning streak to, hopefully, be as successful in the Patriot League as we are in preseason now."

The Bison travel next week to Buffalo for the Western New York Invitational.

### Water Polo kicks off their season

Hannah Stuck  
Contributing Writer

The men's water polo team started their season this past weekend.

In their first game, the Bison took on CAL Lutheran, eventually falling to them 13-12. Both teams came ready to the challenge with energy and enthusiasm. The teams were on the offensive with 18 goals combined during the first half of play. Eight Ties in the first two periods, with CAL Lutheran taking the lead with a 10-8 before the break. The final two minutes gave the opposition a lead with two unanswered goals.

The teams were evenly matched, a back and forth challenge, until the final 25 seconds of the first half. The Bison were strengthened by four goals from sophomore Hasan Mogultay '25 in the opening 16 minutes.

In the contest until the end, CAL Lutheran came out ready to play for the second half, advancing the lead to 13-8 with 4:55 remaining in regulation play. The Orange and Blue struck back with four unanswered goals, one from Mogultay. The Bison weren't able to find the tying goal in the closing seconds for a win.

Aleksa Stefanovic '26 started his Bison career with three goals two of which were in the final run for the herd in the fourth quarter. Mogultay scored a career best with six goals in the defeat. The Bison logged 11 saves with Adrien Touzot '23 in the net and Walker Butler '24, Jack Bruce '25 and Matt Ryckman '25 each found the cage once.

In their second game of the weekend, the Bison competed against Mt. San Antonio, defeating Mounties 18-7. Bison took control opening with seven goals. They continued to lead into the second half keeping the Mounties by a 10 goal gap throughout the game.

The second quarter was dominated for ten minutes by the Bison, with Mogultay scoring two goals, Stefanovic, Ryckman and Shay Gillearn '25 adding to the game-opening 7-0 run.

Nine different Bison scored in the victory, with Ryckman tying his career best with three goals. Stefanovic netted three times for the second straight game. Maxime Touzot '26 scored his first career goal as a Bison, and Ian Shultz '26 netted twice for his first career goals.

The Bison were supposed to complete their weekends with games against Iona and Biola, but they had to forfeit the two games. Red cards were issued to the Orange and Blue coaching staff during the morning contest against Iona, and so the matches were abandoned.

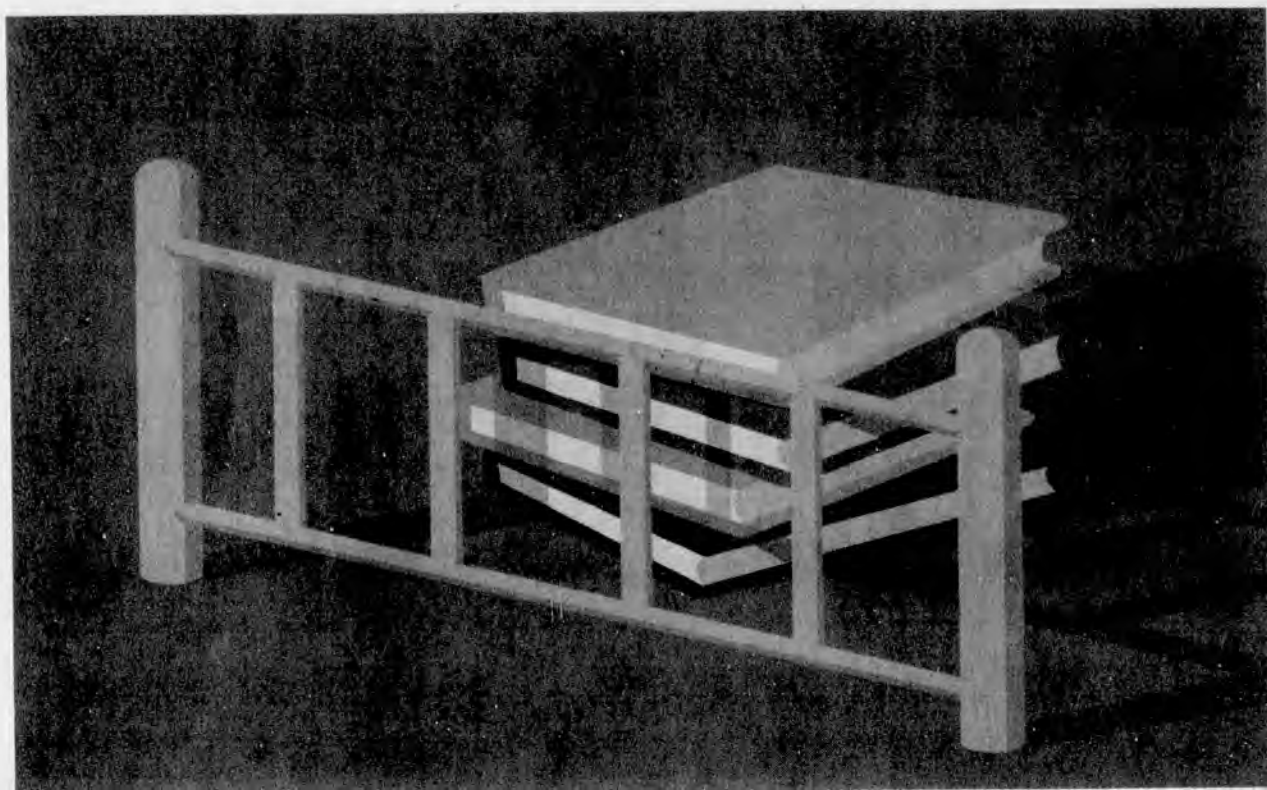
"Unfortunately it didn't go well," Mogultay said.

"We had some starters missing. Also, we realized that we need to improve our defense. We are working hard this week, and hopefully we will get better results in Princeton this weekend."

In the Princeton Invite this weekend, the Bison will compete against Princeton, St. Francis (Brooklyn), and CAL Lutheran.



## Why Are We (still) Gatekeeping Textbooks From Students?



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There's no reason as to why required textbooks for university/community college classes should cost more than a dime. There's no reason as to why PDF versions of textbooks should be difficult to access. There's no reason as to why college students should be required to use textbooks if they're not going to read more than one chapter from it during the duration of the semester.

Every year, students complain about the lack of cheap and reliable textbooks available to them — especially low-income students.

Rightfully so. The number of times I and some of my friends have considered dropping a class because the required texts are too expensive and there are no free PDFs available online is absurd. Not to mention, there are a number of professors who lack empathy and respect for students when it comes

to accommodating those who cannot afford a textbook. The gag is they have hella copies at their disposal.

One of the things that makes many students who are able to access textbooks online very angry is the fact that some professors are vehemently against computers (and their usage) in class. This is fair, considering people in our generation have the attention span of a chihuahua. However, the beef starts when professors want the ACTUAL book to be purchased and don't accept PDFs.

Why is this a debate, anyway? Shouldn't all college students be aware that there are more expenses that come along with being a student other than the occasional shein package?

I'm glad you asked Kerri — don't forget the I — from Connecticut that more than likely drives a Jeep Wrangler and has a weekly spending

allowance appropriate for three meals a day at Amami.

Not everyone has the money or resources to be spending on dozens of books each semester! Omg. Shocker.

This conversation revolves and should center the needs of low-income students. The promise of a liberal arts education is nothing without access to the tools and resources necessary to be even remotely prepared for the harsh microaggressions, lack of respect, but most importantly lack of empathy low-income college students experience. Especially at this University.

Here are some websites that are useful:

b-ok.org  
libgen.is

Do better.

xoxo Ricky <3 (they/them/theirs)

## Is BeReal Real?

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My political science seminar professor prohibits the use of phones in his classroom. Serendipitously, his class ended right when everyone's BeReal notification went off today. My classmate, Molly Tuthill '24, lifted her iPhone camera and took the most unflattering picture of me I have ever seen. Then, she posted it.

The social media platform BeReal surged into prominence last spring and has captured the imagination of twenty-somethings across the world. For those unfamiliar with the mechanics of BeReal: each day at a random time, a notification prompts all BeReal users to "be real" and take a picture of themselves and their surroundings simultaneously.

They only have two minutes to capture their image, and, if they retake the photograph, their friends are notified. Then, their photograph is posted onto a feed and they can scroll through all of their other friends' BeReals. After 24 hours, the posts disappear.

University students, for example, see a glimpse of their classmates sitting on the quad, grabbing a smoothie at Bison Fresh or walking on the treadmill at the KLARC. Completely unfiltered and unposed, some look at BeReal as a welcome alternative to other social media platforms that people use in an attempt to reduce their lives into a highlight reel. However, some students argue that BeReal only adds to the pressure to always be "camera ready".

I asked fellow students how they felt about the platform.

"I really liked the platform at the beginning. Now, I feel like people don't use it for its true purpose anymore," Claire Doyle '24 said.

Doyle continued, "it's starting to feel like a Snapchat or Instagram story." Other students agreed that it has become quite performative.

Avery O'Day '24 explained "one day, I was walking on the quad when some random freshman approached me and asked me to get in their BeReal so 'their home friends would think they made friends at college.'"

Kalin Halstead '24 echoed this sentiment. "It's created a mindset that you have to be doing something interesting at every point of the day. If I'm sitting in bed or watching television when the notification goes off, I feel like my followers are going to think I'm lazy and boring."

The creators of the BeReal app intended to curate a platform where users felt free to be their authentic selves (to literally "be real"). However, it has not been able to withstand the overarching norms surrounding social media use. The landscape surrounding social networking promotes and rewards performative behaviors and filtered content, whether it be with actual editing tools or careful selection of the activities and objects that make the "final cut" to be posted.

All in all, discussion surrounding the platform begs the question: can we fix the systematic problems associated with social media by creating more social media platforms? Reviews from fellow students answers the question with a resounding no.

While BeReal clearly has not been able to accomplish its intended purpose, it does not mean that the platform is inherently bad. In fact, the less meaning we attach to our social media use, the more we can enjoy it without falling prey to its more sinister attributes.

## Investigating the Video Music Awards' steep plunge into irrelevancy

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1984: the first ever airing of The MTV Video Music Awards, honoring artists (nay, icons) such as Madonna, David Bowie and Tina Turner.

Following the cultural rebellion of the 1970s, the '80s introduced another layer of musical excitement by establishing the music video. For the first time, artists were able to add creative visual elements to their work, and music lovers alike could rejoice in watching their favorite musicians' aesthetic come to life.

The MTV channel launched on cable in 1981 with the Buggles' music video of "Video Killed the Radio Star", and eventually became one of the most popular music video destinations in the country. Because music videos were so novel at the time (and far fewer artists

reached such extreme levels of fame the way they do today), the VMAs were one of the most exciting events for consumers of music, and developed into one of the most important platforms for emerging artists.

With other awards shows like the Academy Awards and the Grammys, viewers who are not experts in the respected fields can feel isolated and detached from the process of finding nominees and winners. These awards shows are always present with an air of elitism, whereas the VMAs have continuously targeted the masses. This distinction has been critical in the rise of the VMAs' popularity; and by popularity, I mean the "Super Bowl for the youth."

Until a few years ago, the VMA was a highly coveted award and drew in millions of teen and 20-something

viewers each year. However, multiple noteworthy newspapers and media outlets have suggested that the ceremony has been experiencing a steady collapse in popularity in recent years. I think the decline of the VMAs has been apparent to viewers prior to claims made by journalists.

There is much debate as to when exactly the VMAs' downfall began. The Huffpost claims that in 2019, viewership hit an all-time low for the third year in a row due to a "...lack of musical diversity, lack of celebrity, and lack of credibility...", and The Washington Post accredited the viewership decline to Drake's absence in 2014.

In my humble opinion, the beginning of the end for the VMAs was in 2013 after Miley Cyrus's controversial "Wrecking Ball" performance. While this performance

brought in record viewership, it is undeniable that disputes stemming from this performance changed the VMAs' reputation... for the worse.

I have nothing against Miley Cyrus — in fact, I consider myself a fan — but "Wrecking Ball" definitely took the VMAs from flashy to trashy. Flash forward to the 2022 VMAs and the guest list leaves little to be desired. \*warning: the following opinions may be controversial\* Thank god L.L. Cool J was in attendance!

I almost forgot it's the year 1990! Mod Sun? Might as well have been a tattooed Cody Ko. Taylor Swift won an award? That's never happened before! And how is it possible that Addison Rae's mom and Yung Gravy were the most interesting headlines to come out from the night? Maybe I am simply too far removed

from the popular culture of today, but if a 21 year old can't recognize the VMAs guest list, what hope does anyone else have? I'm not saying the VMAs are dead.

I'm saying that all awards shows are dead. When people can watch music videos, movies, television and more all from streaming platforms, the demand for network awards shows really is nonexistent. My advice to MTV: don't invite emerging artists if highly established artists will remain the priority. I know that the awards are in the hands of the people, but there must be a way to properly honor your "New Artists" Baby Keem, GAYLE, Latto and Maneskin. Harry Styles and Taylor Swift have better things to do than to sit around writing the 100th acceptance speech of their careers.



# Stumbling Into Trevina

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Fellow Foodies rejoice! Lewisburg has added another jewel onto her crown of hidden gems, and I promise you've never seen anything like it before.

Trevina, which opened last Sunday, presents itself as "wine, beer, and cheese." My parents and I quite literally stumbled into the grand opening for dinner. It is the prettiest little place: black and white tiles, exposed brick and shades of teal and blue. The host led us to a table, but instead of setting a menu down, he provided a single QR code and explained that they don't have a wait staff. You scan the QR code and put in a card, after which the system will take you to the menu where you'll order as if you were online shopping. Drinks, appetizers, shareable plates, and entrées then come right to your table!

The restaurant is cashless, tipless and self-serve for your wine and beer. It's a bit like an arcade for adults. They link a card to your tab, and as you pour your drink from the taps, it will automatically calculate how much you're drinking by the ounce. And they have a traditional bar and a selection of non-alcoholic drinks on the menu.

As far as the food it was, overall, excellent. Our appetizers were the fried calamari and the bacon/goat cheese dip. Now, I consider myself a bit of an expert on fried calamari and can confidently say this was one of the most unique versions of it that I've ever had. The breading was a bit thin and crumbly for my liking, but the flavor and the crunch were very nice. The dip was sweet, creamy, and savory and paired nicely with the crusty bread.

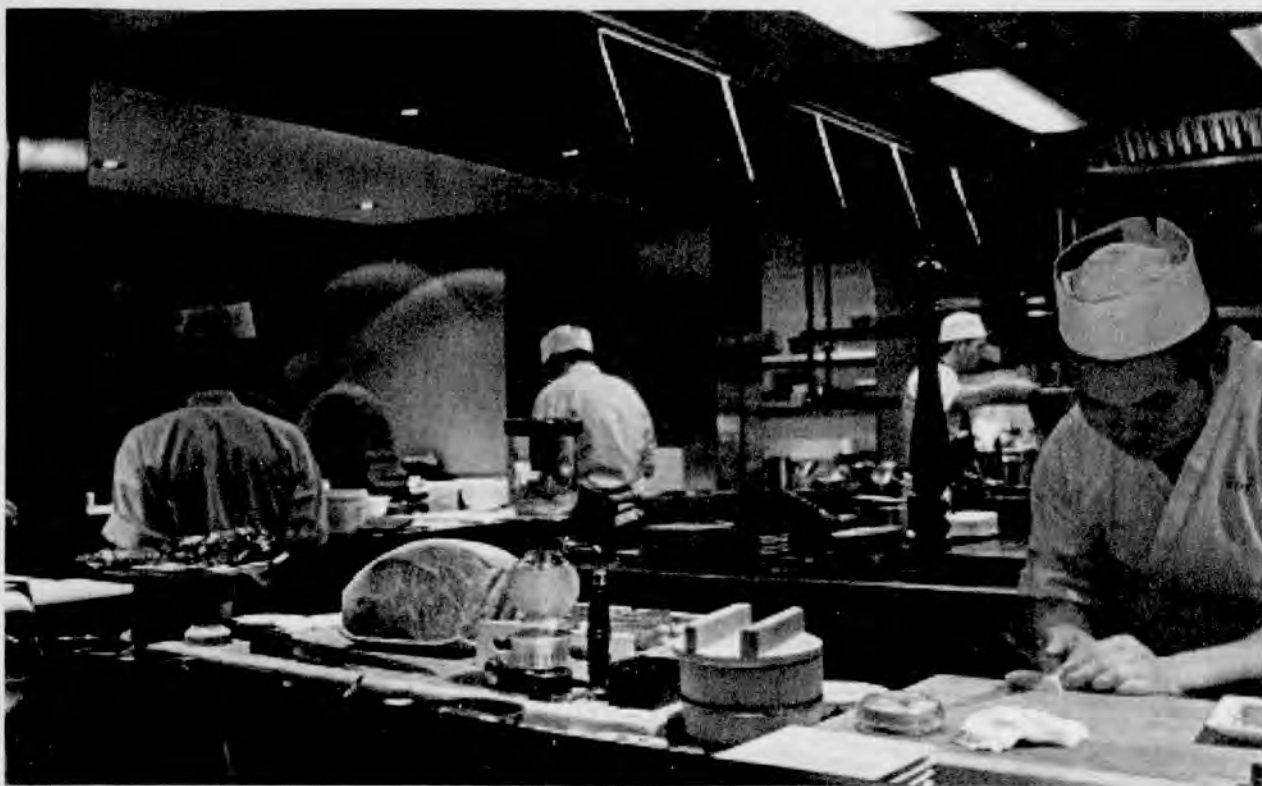
The real star of my experience was the Milano chicken panini with prosciutto and pesto. The bread was a simple white, but it was sliced thin, so the inside of the sandwich really had a chance to shine. The prosciutto added a nice bit of salt and depth to the well-cooked chicken and creamy pesto. It was one of the best paninis I've ever had, and the shoestring fries were a great pairing. The menu also includes flatbreads and sharing boards of cheese and smoked meats.

The atmosphere is fun and bright, the food is great, the staff is cheerful and attentive and the décor is amazing. Trevina is an instant Lewisburg classic and one I imagine would be a great place to visit come Family Weekend.

## Overall Review:



# Understanding the 21st Century Restaurant



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After watching Hulu's "The Bear," I felt as though I was shown a glimpse into a different universe. The show was so raw and illustrative of the stress-inducing, fast-paced environment that a restaurant's kitchen creates. The complexity of the relationships and hierarchies between chefs in addition to the true dedication that is required sheds a light on the lives of chefs at such an important period in the restaurant industry. New York Post explains that the supply of restaurant staff, including executive chefs, is dwindling relative to the current demand needed to keep kitchens open. Why is the supply so low and what needs to be done to make this line of work more desirable?

Restaurant workers, typically having to endure limited pay and benefits, are experiencing long hours in stressful environments which is not attracting people to chef positions at the rate at which it is demanded in our current labor market. New York Post offers one possibility for an increasing demand that deals with people wanting to eat out more following the pandemic that enforced so many restrictions. But while the pandemic may push people to want to go to restaurants more, it seems

to have had the opposite effect for the people working in them.

It is important to understand that while demand is increasing, the number of chefs entering the labor market is not increasing at the same rate. The Washington Post provides a visual for what this looks like in culinary schools. They interviewed recent culinary school graduate Yadiska van Putten and found that while she pursued her dream of becoming an executive chef, her other culinary school peers went in different directions. Many of those students, according to van Putten, came into their studies with similar ambitions but have settled into different culinary occupations due to the undesirability and uncertainty surrounding the restaurant industry coming out of a pandemic. This illustrates how incoming workers aren't gravitating towards the restaurant space, but it is also imperative to add that many chefs and other restaurant staff who worked before the pandemic have left the industry. New York Post explains how many people were forced to take on jobs that were still open throughout the pandemic when the restaurant they were employed at had closed down. And why come back

to a line of work that can be put on pause again if the COVID-19 pandemic worsens again or a new pandemic arises? Stability is crucial.

The pandemic has also transformed the way that people value their time. Younger generations who are just beginning to enter the workforce are analyzing how much time they are willing to commit to work. In order to keep restaurants open, there needs to be an incentive for people to want to work in them. This is a trend that New York Post shows to be already circulating by restaurant owners, as restaurants are having to offer higher salaries and benefits in order to keep or attract chefs and remain open. Overall, the restaurant industry needs to adapt to the changing attitudes and perspectives of workers and meet the demands of their employees to foster a stable and worthwhile work environment that will attract more people. And what can you do? Support your local restaurants, respect and show gratitude towards the restaurant staff during this transitional period where restaurant staff may be having to take on extra responsibilities and hours as a result of this staffing shortage.

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Amanda Maltin  
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In the wake of natural catastrophes, estimates about climate change and reignited social welfare movements, the pressure for centers of higher education to make a commitment to eco-friendly goals is on.

The recently published Bucknell University Sustainability Report showed that the university is flourishing in some areas but still has a lot of work to be done in others—particularly as a result of the pandemic.

Since 2005, the University's Center for Sustainability & the Environment has led the way for initiatives like campus greening, protection of the Susquehanna River and environmental humanities. Every year since, the center has published a report to shine light on its accomplishments and goals.

The United States Department of Energy reported that colleges and universities across the

country emit as much carbon as eight million homes and the World Wildlife Fund calculated that schools throw away 530,000 tons of food a year.

University officials have said Bucknell's location and resources situate it to lead the way on sustainable development and infrastructure changes that can lead to less energy consumption and waste.

The Sustainability Report highlighted the Earth Day 2022 celebrations. These included a Sustainability Townhall and Symposium which facilitated discussions between community members and illuminated some of the work done by students, faculty and notable community members on behalf of Bucknell's sustainability goals.

The report also discussed actions by The President's Sustainability Council, which seeks to encourage cooperation between faculty, students and other green organizations in order to make Bucknell's campus

more eco-friendly.

Their notable projects include the developing Campus Path/Sustainability Trail, the Living Landscapes project, which seeks to revitalize historic trees surrounding campus, and the establishment of the Sid Jamieson Fellowship, named after first coach of Bucknell's Men's Lacrosse team in 1968 and the only Native American head lacrosse team coach in the history of the NCAA.

The fellowship aims to highlight indigenous stories that have been excluded from discussions surrounding Bucknell's history.

Many of Bucknell's sustainability initiatives are centered around student engagement and opportunities for education, with the council even proposing the creation of a course designed to teach students about climate change and development.

The report writes that COVID-19 proved to be an obstacle to Bucknell's sustainability goals,

with increased food waste and packaging to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Now, Director of Campus Sustainability Victor Udo hopes that Bucknell's practices will become "COVID-19 informed" as we transition back into a normal academic year. This includes efforts to lower the volume of food packaging waste.

While the Sustainability Council seeks to cultivate opportunities for education and engagement, students still have a responsibility to make an individual commitment to conscious consumption and climate-friendly contributions. This can include little things like ordering fewer packages to the mailroom, using a reusable water bottle or walking to class instead of driving.

Students can get involved by volunteering time at the Bucknell Farm, purchasing a Bostwick reusable container or take a course in the environmental studies department.

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## Women's Resource Center sets the year's agenda with new staff

Ellie Lowe  
Senior Writer

The University hired Abby Fite this summer as the new Associate Director for Gender and Sexuality Resources at the Women's Resource Center.

The Women's Resource Center is an on campus department that focuses on advocacy for equality among women and other marginalized groups relating to gender and sexuality. The Center previously focused on sexual violence response and prevention programs.

These programs are now being managed by Kristin Gibson who is the new Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Advocacy Coordinator. While Fite still works closely with Gibson on these programs, Fite is able to allocate more time towards women's empowerment and gender justice programs beyond sexual violence response and prevention.

Fite, who has ten years of experience in higher education and is working towards a doctorate in education policy

and social change, has many programs planned for this school year.

The Women's Resource Center started Feminist Fridays, which is a weekly program from 4-6 p.m. on Fridays in the Women's Resource Center. These programs will focus on self-reflection, community building, healing and conversation.

Other programs that the Women's Resource Center is continuing is Women of Color Wednesdays, which is a closed space for women of color to explore identity and experience, and Leadership for Social Justice, which is a two-day leadership institute during fall break that gives students an opportunity to build skills, knowledge and relationships to lead for social justice.

Fite is also hoping to put together a Women's History Week this coming March. In addition, Fite is working with colleagues Jackie Cetera and Jocelyne Scott to reform an affinity group for staff and faculty members with marginalized genders called the Gender Equity Network.

In this new position, Fite is most looking forward to getting to engage people in social justice. Fite started learning about systems of oppression in her undergrad years and found this to be a formative experience that helped understand herself better and become a better person.

"Each of us is shaped by oppression, and I think each of us can be liberated through an active commitment to social justice. What I value most about my work is the opportunity to create platforms for other people to learn about and grow through social justice," Fite said.

Fite also looks forward to working with students and hearing their ideas and suggestions. She is ready to support students in any way she can whether that be supporting existing programs or creating new ones.

"What I really want students to know is women's empowerment and gender equity work is also antiracism work, economic justice work, queer and trans liberation work, disability justice work," she said.

## Rice told students Russian tensions as bad as Cold War

Bridgette Simpson  
News Editor

Dr. Condoleezza Rice said to Bucknell students that tensions with Russia are at equal levels to what they were during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

The former Secretary of State appeared virtually on campus in the Weis Center for the Bucknell Forum Speaker Series with University President John Bravman on Tuesday.

The Series was halted during the pandemic but is back in motion for the 2022-23 academic year. Rice, the first Black woman to serve as Secretary of State and the first woman to serve as National Security Adviser under President George W. Bush, is a graduate of Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

She begins the list of speakers that are to speak on the theme "The State of American Democracy" in the coming months.

President Bravman, a longtime friend and colleague of Dr. Rice from their time together at Stanford University, asked about 15 questions — ranging from her opinion on the state of the war in Ukraine, social media, the electoral college system, expectations of the U.S. education system and the polarization of the country as well as the Supreme Court.

Rice served as the Secretary of State from 2005 to 2009. Prior to that, she served as former President George H.W. Bush's National Security

Council as its senior director from 1989 to 1991.

Rice currently works as Tad and Dianne Taube Director of the Hoover Institution and is the Denning Professor in Global Business and the Economy at the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

The Bucknell Forum speaker series was started in 2007, featuring a number of high-profile guests in its history, including primatologist Jane Goodall, documentarian Ken Burns and CNN broadcast journalist Anderson Cooper.

"The Bucknell Forum underscores the University's long-held commitment to welcoming many voices and ideas," Bravman said in an August press release. "This speaker series was founded in 2007 with the purpose of encouraging thoughtful conversation featuring different perspectives on some of the most pressing issues facing society. That will certainly be the case during this midterm election year."

Each of the guests are scheduled to appear at 7:30 p.m. and the event is free for the public. Tickets are required, and can be acquired two days before the event through the Campus Box Office website. An ASL interpreter is scheduled to sign at the event.

### Weapons of mass destruction and current tensions

President Bravman also posed queries on the topic of nuclear weapons, foreign relations and her opinion of

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# breaking the bubble

Bridgette Simpson  
News Editor

## DOMESTIC

A package exploded after being opened on Northeastern University's campus on Tuesday night. In a Unabomber-esque vein, the package contained a note that talked against virtual reality and even referenced Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook founder. One unidentified 45-year-old staff member was injured when they opened the package, causing it to detonate — the package was sent directly to Northeastern University. The Boston PD Bomb Squad, Northeastern University Provost and Chancellor determined campus to be safe. The Boston PD currently has no suspects.

The defense suddenly rested their case in the trial of Nikolas Cruz, Parkland school shooter, after calling 80 witnesses to the stand and only examining 25. Cruz pleaded and was found guilty of murdering 17 people, including 14 students and three staff members. The current ongoing trial is only to determine if he will be sentenced to death or life without parole. The defense attorney's argument has been that Cruz's mother's abuse of alcohol throughout her pregnancy made Cruz erratic throughout his whole life, and that his adoptive mother was unfit to take care of him. The trial will resume on September 27.

## INTERNATIONAL

Queen Elizabeth II passed away on Thursday, Sept. 8, at Balmoral Castle in Scotland, surrounded by her family. However, her death has rekindled criticism and the denunciation of the royal family from all over the world. Diplomats and scholars around the world have commented on the influence the British monarchy has left on certain countries, particularly those that were exploited throughout history by the royal monarchy, such as Kenya. They call to light the genocide, exploitation, and rapes that the British monarchy, they claim, has been responsible for over time, and highlight the inequality the monarchy perpetuated.

In Pakistan, floods have ravaged the country, putting one third of the land underwater. Due to the floods, pregnant women are unable to get the proper medical care they need, and a United Nations estimate says approximately 650,000 women need aid relating to pregnancy. Some women have driven upwards of 12 hours in search of emergency services, while some have traveled by foot for hours. Floods are disconnecting different areas of the country, making access to medicine and hospitals much more difficult.

## University commemorates the lives lost in the attacks on September 11

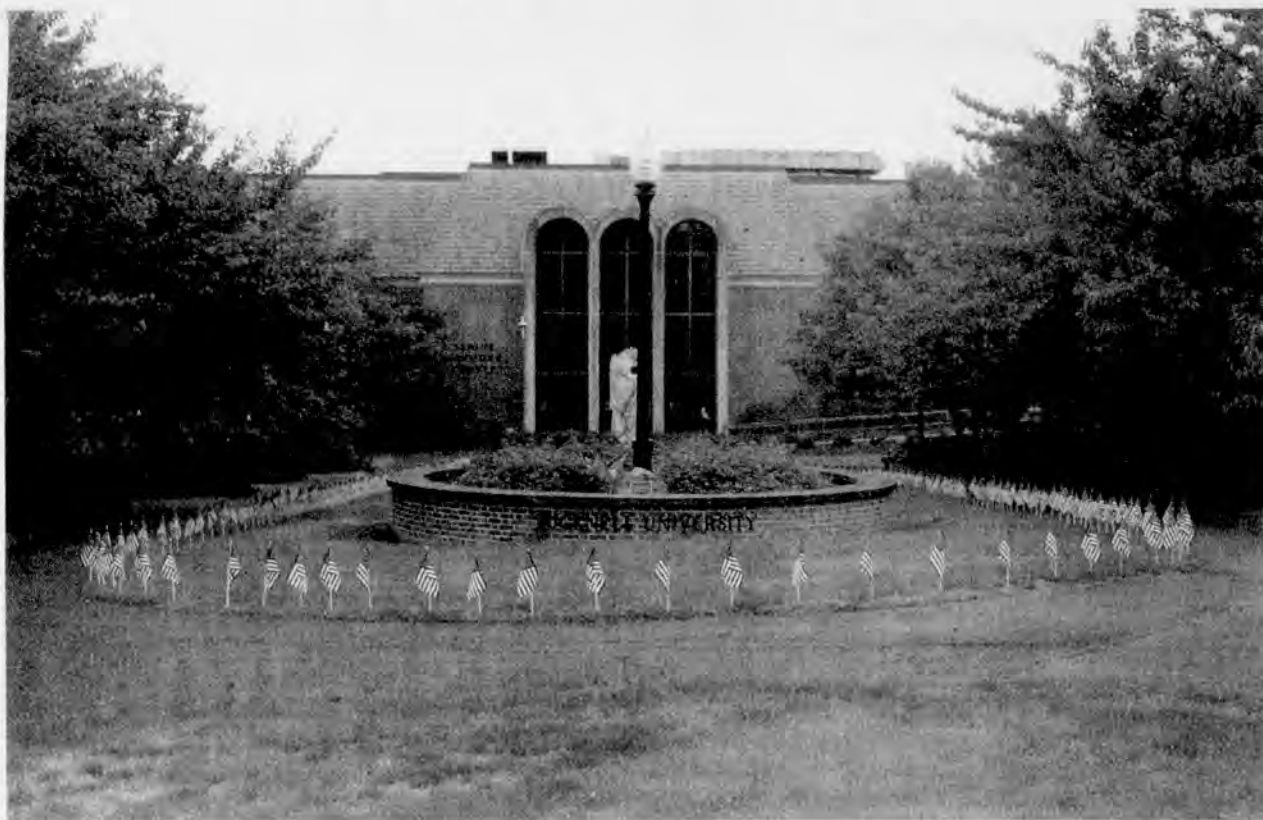


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In the annual campus flag display, University members came together to honor the victims of the attacks on September 11th, 2001 on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the flight that crashed in western Pennsylvania. The event was sponsored by the Bucknell University Conservatives Club, but all those interested were invited to participate in the ceremony, which included a few brief remarks and the placement of the flags.

## Condoleezza Rice

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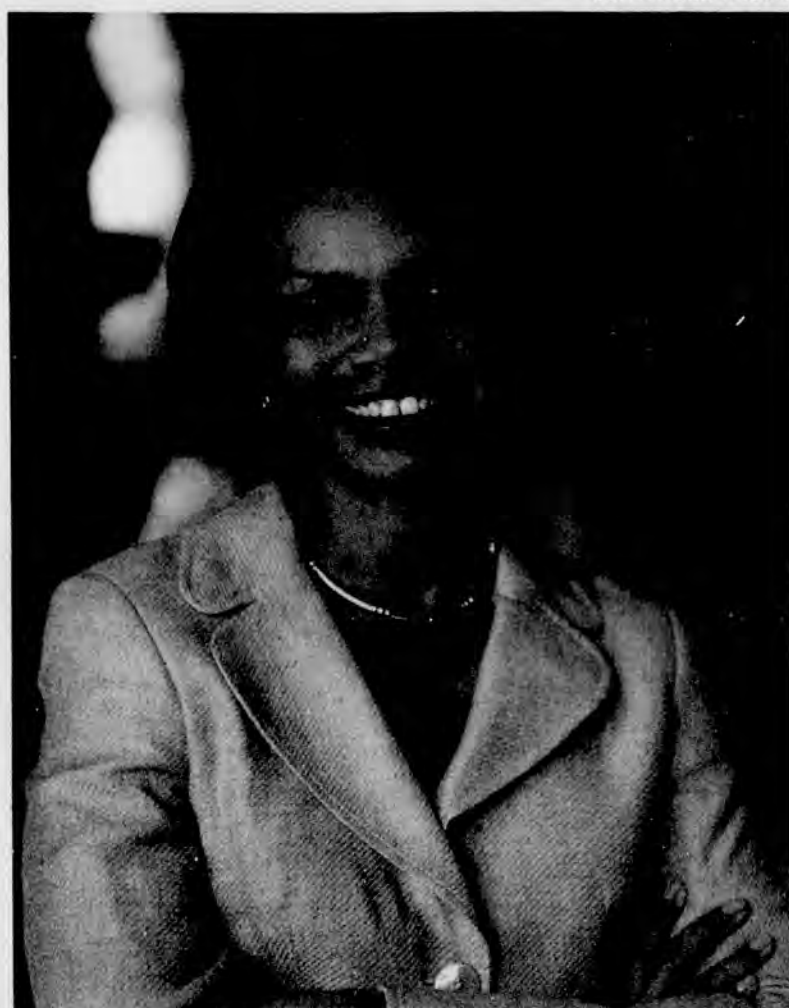


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further possible U.S. involvement in the war on Ukraine after Russia invaded Ukraine in February this year.

Rice said that she felt Soviet Russia and the U.S. had reached a balance during the Cold War, where they both understood that mutual destruction was not going to benefit either side, even if one struck first.

She said that the nation's current relations with Russia have dwindled to what they were when the Cuban missile crisis happened, but she does not believe Putin will "cross that line," citing NATO as a buffer against a war where the U.S. would be directly involved against Russia.

Chemical weapons are something Rice said she believes Putin would use, if he hasn't already deployed them, because of Putin's anger about his relative underperformance compared to his expectations for the "military operation" in Ukraine.

Bravman and Rice also had a short back and forth in which they asked and answered things about the electoral college, with Rice answering that she felt it was better than any alternative someone had brought up.

She said it emphasizes the importance of including minority voices, smaller states and rural voices. Despite its imperfections, she said she did not want to see presidential candidates skimping out on visiting certain states and cities to campaign, which would be a likely result of the "one man, one vote" system.

### Polarization of a nation

President Bravman first asked Dr. Rice about her opinion on the nation's highly polarized environment and whether the tense feelings of the United States' political scene were relatively new or a long-standing issue.

Rice said that she believed that American democracy has lost sight of what the vast majority of Americans want, referencing increased levels of "tribalism" on social media.

The fact that the American dream has become a stretch for many families and that the average American may not consider American institutions to be for them anymore based on a slew of reasons also came up in her response.

"Tribalism" is a phenomenon where people often band together with like-minded speakers and thinkers, especially politically.

"Seeds of trouble in democracy are always there, but it's accelerated in recent years," Rice said.

She said democracy is a concept that will always have its troubles, and that she felt sometimes people can take it for granted. Rice spoke on the importance of being mindful that politicians nowadays feel incentive to respond to the extremes rather than the middle ground, where most Americans fall.

She also said that public service and working and being involved with the government is what will get America through this time of extreme polarization and that social media could instigate it.

"I'm glad social media was not as much of a factor when I was Secretary of State," Rice said.

She said social media does have value and that she does use it herself, but that its unintended consequences have had effects on democracy.

The role of National Security Adviser, Rice said, has shifted considerably since her time in office with regard to social media, especially regarding cybersecurity. The role has since expanded to accumulate cybersecurity concerns especially after the attacks of September 11, 2001.

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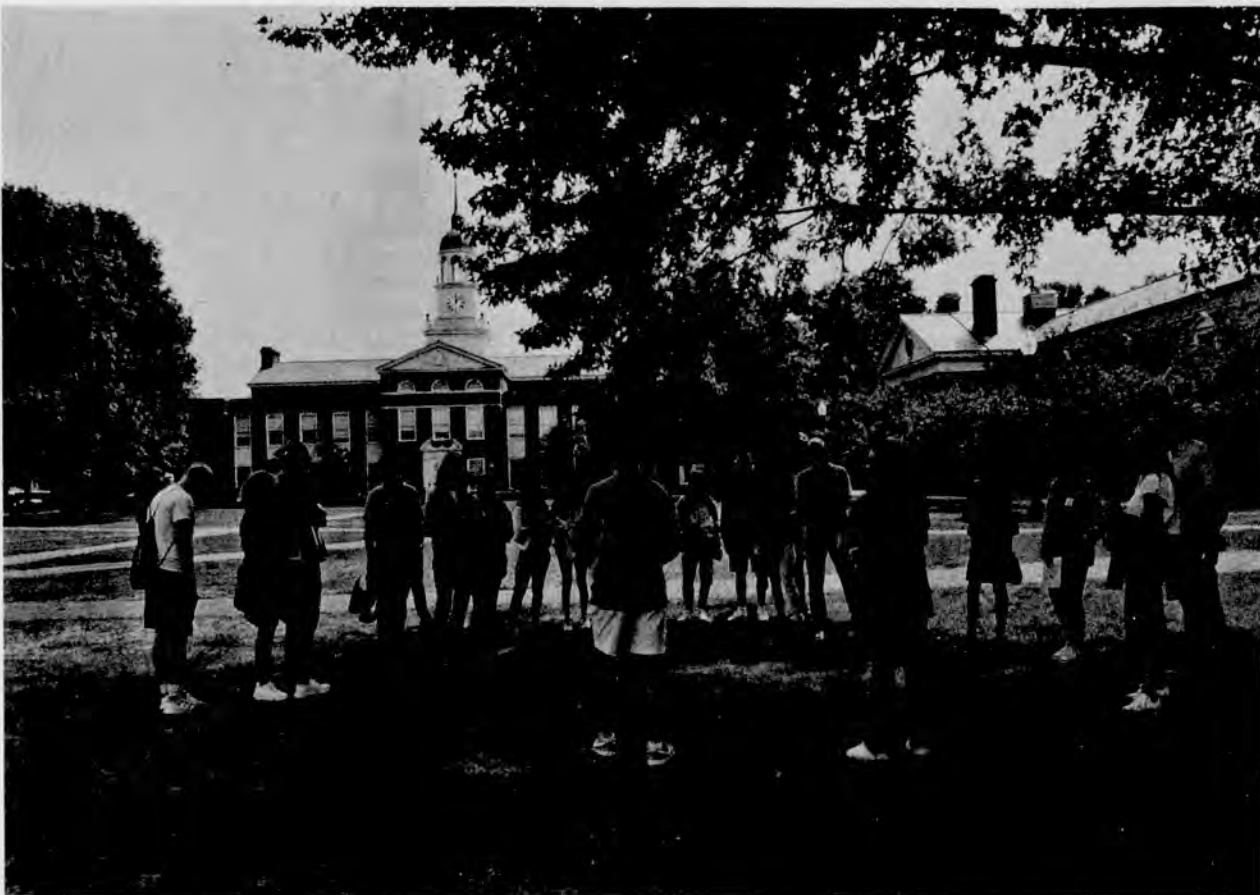
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# University set to host Family Weekend



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While college is a huge adjustment away from home, Bucknell is bringing a little bit of home to Lewisburg this weekend.

The weekend of Sept. 16 is Family Weekend, and according to Amie Fox, Assistant Director of the Center for Alumni & Family Engagement, there are a number of activities planned.

"It is going to be two days of fun bonding experiences that'll certainly create memories for life," Fox said.

Fox has been planning the event for the past 10 months, beginning with the largest events such as the entertainment and meals under the tent, which involves coordinating vendors, catering and staff and then coordinating those events with the campus events

that are already in place, such as athletics.

"Our planning process began at the end of last year's Family Weekend going through feedback surveys that went to families and faculty and staff debrief documents," Fox said.

After the first stages of the planning process, Fox reached out to campus departments that have done events in past years for Family Weekend, including

all of the academic departments, Student Affairs and University Affairs. From there, she began building a schedule.

Her team then built a website for families and a registration form and created a communication strategy. Once all of that was in place they worked with families to coordinate their individual needs, everything from dietary restrictions to personal preference on the activities.

The weekend is advertised extensively by the University, partly because it is going to look a lot different than the previous couple of years.

The COVID-19 pandemic created policies and procedures that repeatedly changed the way Family Weekend could be the past two years. But this year, the consistency and similarity to that of before COVID-19 will certainly be back on campus.

"The schedule is able to be much more comprehensive this year and features some new events such as Happy Hour Trivia and the Murder Mystery Dinner that we think provide a good variety of entertainment," Fox said.

Currently, there are 55 events happening this weekend. About a quarter of those events involve outside vendors, another quarter are student performances or athletics events and the rest are put on by faculty and staff.

"Each event is pretty individualized," Fox said. "We try

to have something for everyone including events that are educational, active, entertainment and school spirit based."

Not all parents can make the drive (or flight) out to Lewisburg to see their son or daughter this specific weekend. Currently, about half of students will have family members attend Family Weekend ranging from parents and grandparents to siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins and family friends.

Fox expects around 4,000 participants during the weekend with nearly 3,800 currently pre-registered.

And while the planning of Family Weekend is one thing, the anticipation for it on behalf of student's is another. After asking a few student's their thoughts, there seems to be a variety of plans.

"I really am looking forward to seeing my mom and my sisters because I miss them very much," Tim Goodrich '26 said.

Maddie Heinemann '26 also said that though she doesn't have any formal plans for the weekend, she can't wait to see her family and indulge in the creative activities that are prepared.

Mateo Herrera '26, athlete for Men's Varsity Water Polo team, is also very excited to see his family come all the up from Florida to watch him play for the first time in-person.

For specific times and the full schedule of events, check the plan on the event website.

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## KLARC hosts new barre fitness class

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The KLARC fitness center introduced a fitness class to their schedule this fall that has been sorely missed for the last few years.

Allison Gerhard '23 is teaching a Barre Burn class three times a week, every week for the remainder of 2022.

Barre classes are full body workouts that use ballet barre as a tool to exercise muscle. In a typical barre class, attendees should be ready to utilize and strengthen muscles all throughout their body. There are a multitude of health benefits that come from regularly attending barre classes, including improved posture, coordination and balance.

Gerhard said participants can expect small, repeated movements including pulsing and holding. She said the goal of this class is to increase muscular endurance rather than to build strength. Although the barre is used for the leg and glutes portion of the class, a large part of the class takes part on the mat.

Additionally, there are modifications offered in the class for beginners, Gerhard said, so that anybody can take the class.

"I try to give modifications in my classes so that people who are more advanced can try more advanced things and people who are just beginning don't feel intimidated," Gerhard said.

Gerhard first got certified to teach fitness classes back in 2020, but due to the pandemic,

she had to postpone her debut as a fitness instructor. This year, Gerhard's schedule had a perfect opening for a Barre Burn class.

Gerhard was first inspired to become a fitness instructor when she worked at a small fitness center in Philadelphia.

"Seeing how good I felt after a workout, and being in a room with people who were pushing themselves with me made me realize this is something I want to do," she said.

Not only will attending the Barre Burn class help you to improve physically, but it also can provide boosts to your mental health.

"My goal is to make this workout class a fun, welcoming environment where people can talk to each other, where people can just move and feel good about themselves," Gerhard said. "Fitness is just about moving your body. When I move my body I just feel better physically and mentally. With a fun workout like Barre, it makes it much easier to keep a sustainable workout plan."

"To the people that are intimidated to try a new exercise class, my advice would just be to show up," Gerhard added. "The hardest part is showing up, and after you get there, just try your best. And if you hate it, you never have to go back. But if you love it, you can say you showed up, you tried your best, and you'll be back at class the next week."

Gerhard hosts her class on Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 12 p.m.

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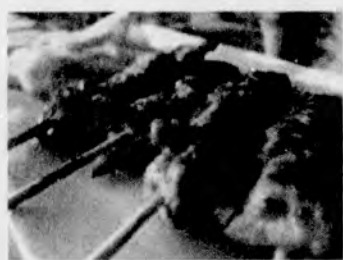
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# Pizzeria Loyalists stalk streets, inducing fear into student population

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This upcoming Wednesday all the pizzeria giants in town will be competing against each other in the annual Lewisburg Pizza Competition, and everyone wants to win.

Pizza Phi, Tonino's, Casa De Pizza, Vennari's and the Original Italian Pizza (OIP) are all in the running, ready to bring their A-game and cheesiest slice to the competition. These cut-throat restaurants are willing to do anything to come out on top — smear campaigns and sabotage are already running rampant in the streets.

The only people who want these pizzerias to win more than their owners are the students that are so loyal they've been stalking the streets for weeks, campaigning for their favorite pizza place.

The gangs of Pizzeria Loyalists, as dubbed by a freshman in Bostwick, were overheard complaining about her first intimidating encounter with some of the supporters while walking to class, have been out in the streets for weeks. When not in class, doing homework or partying, you are bound to find many of them out and about, wearing homemade t-shirts advertising their pizzeria of choice.

However, there seems to be even more Pizzeria Loyalists out and about than ever before. Class of 2023 student Bruce Feta is one such loyalist that we managed to interview on the issue. His claims for the increased campaigning was that "the rest of us are feta up, Pizza Phi has won every year the last five years and it can't continue. So everyone else has decided to go around and show students that our place is the best even more than before, so they can forget all about Pizza Phi. Sure we're loud and a bit aggressive, but we gotta make sure the people hear us, ya know?"

Feta stated he was loyal to Vennari's and Vennari's alone, and that his favorite thing on their menu is their chili cheese fries.

Non-loyalists also shared their feelings on the subject.

"Other than this time of the year when people are going around campus yelling about their favorite place, I only hear people talk about Pizza Phi, or Domino's, since they're cheaper and deliver," Marie Narah '25 said.

Senior Dough Toss (the 'h' is silent) said, "pizza is pizza, honestly, I'm not so sure why there's a competition in the first place. All the pizzerias

in town sell the same things. Hell, I could make any of it in my dorm kitchen."

Further investigation into the restaurant's menus does corroborate Toss' statement, the only difference appears to be in prices of items.

Whether or not the pizzerias were carbon copies of each other, it seems like the loyal students will continue to campaign until the last second. With the extensive signs plastered around and the various slogans being yelled about, The Bucknellian leaves you with one last question. Who's slice will you side with for the competition?

## Gladitorial games to determine Brett Papson's successor

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Although Brent Papson thoroughly enjoyed his time at Bucknell, last April Fools he decided to step down from his position as the Director of Campus Activities and Student Media to pursue a career in spray cheese production management.

When news of his eventual departure leaked on YikYak, dozens of hopeful students swarmed his front lawn in hopes of being chosen as his replacement.

Papson knew that not just anybody could fulfill all that his role entails. In his most recent email to the student body, there was a new event advertised underneath Goat Yoga: BrentBattle.

"May the last one standing be crowned as my successor - competition this Friday," the description read. Needless to say, this one-night event was quite the extravaganza.

In a recent interview with The Bucknellian, Papson explained that each competition within BrentBattle called upon

different skills required to successfully perform his job.

In his emails, Papson often referenced the rain dances that he performs to ward off unfavorable weather conditions. When forecasts predict excess humidity, his dances are exceptionally effective in rerouting the sticky, moist air from the quad directly to Fiji.

This, Papson shared, is what inspired the first event of BrentBattle. The gladiators competed head-to-head in a series of dance battles to show who was most capable of recreating his routines. They were judged based on their style, song choice, and overall vibe exuded.

Papson is also renowned for his astute memory — has he ever neglected to mention a campus event in his weekly emails? Absolutely not! Because of this, it is vital that his replacement be someone who matches his memory strength.

Brent shared that the next event required competitors to accompany the crew team into the depths of the Susquehanna River. The rowers presented them with a series of phrases to memorize in thirty seconds. If

the competitor failed to seamlessly recount each phrase, they were projected off the side of the boat and left to fend for themselves.

Those who remained advanced to the final showdown; this last test truly proved who was fit to adopt the role. Papson's PR agent requested that The Bucknellian neglect to disclose further details regarding the final event in order to motivate you to buy the DVD recording for answers. What can be shared, however, is that this final game involved a chess board, six pool noodles, and an assortment of slightly-molded croutons from Bostwick.

Who was crowned the BrentBattle victor and Mr. Papson's protégé? Find out yourself by purchasing the DVD recording of the entire event! All profits from the DVD sales will be used to fund Brent's first collection of aerosol pseudo-dairy products. If you need to save your money for the Bison, don't fret! Just be patient, and you will know Papson's replacement soon enough.

Congratulations to the new Brent Papson Jr., and to Brent, Bucknell bids you farewell!

## Condoleezza Rice Zooms in for American Democracy Event; Silent on State of Democracy in Iraq

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This week, the Former National Security Advisor for the second Bush Administration, Condoleezza Rice, came to the University for a Q&A on American Democracy with the University President. However, as it so happened, Rice failed to mention anything on Democracy in Iraq, a stance which she avidly supported while serving her term in the White House.

In her (former) words on the matter, Rice said in a 2003 convention of the National Association of Black Journalists that, "we and our allies must make a generational commitment to helping the people of the Middle East transform their region." As it turns out, this only applies to the men she sent out to die for it, not for her or any other politician themselves, confusing the use of the word "we."

Rice even wrote a Washington Post Op-Ed on the subject, arguing that, "Our task is to work with those in the Middle East who seek progress toward greater democracy, tolerance, prosperity and freedom."

As it so happens, sending Americans to die for an Iraqi "democracy" isn't the best way to make the world safer (especially since it didn't work). Then again, once the government spread soldiers like butter across the Middle East, it was difficult to recall them again, as Biden found out in Afghanistan. Hindsight may be 2020, but that departure happened in 2021.

Strangely enough, Ms. Rice did not comment on her positions during this conversation, nor did she mention Iraq's state of democracy. Instead, there were other, more subtle messages gleaned from her talk, such as Russia is bad, Germany has a good election system (if only their energy policies were as solid as their elections), technology is good, and that people should volunteer more.

The closest thing she said tangentially related to Iraq was that Iran was "known to cause trouble in the Middle East." Admittedly, at least she stayed consistent on her anti-Iran Nuclear Deal stance. Then again, at least there was actual evidence at the time that Iran wanted to make a nuke, rather than sending America to war over then-unproven claims of WMDs in Iraq.

All in all, what was the point of having her here, two days after the 21st Anniversary of 9/11, if nobody was going to even hint at her role in a war that ended thousands of American lives and had devastating effects on the world in general? What would have been better, for the Iraqi people to have remained under terrorist rule, or for us to go there, establish some temporary democracy, and then have it collapse into chaos later? The answer to that question was in front of everyone on Tuesday night. It was not pursued. All in all, it was an 8/10—the only casualties being my interest and Muammar Gaddafi's heart. If nobody understood that joke, then I wouldn't recommend looking into that power couple either.

## Overherd on Campus: First-Year Women fighting to be this week's Fraternity Bowling 'Chauffeur'

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Satire Section Editor

In the past few days, Overherd, the University Instagram page centered around random quotes around campus, has been alight with first-year women clamoring about Fraternity bowling opportunities.

Everyone knows about the Frat Trap, wherein senior fraternity brothers contact first-year girls for rides because they don't feel like driving to the bowling alley. Of course, these poor women don't understand the mistake they're making due to their eventual close proximity to the frat guys.

The issue of this, of course, has nothing to do with the inherent creepiness which leads to the atmosphere of discomfort produced by the relationship between 22 year

old frat guys and 18 year old women around campus, but rather because of the frankly irresponsible amount of alcohol the frat guys bring into the vehicles. Not only do these thirty-packs increase the general weight of the car, creating issues with braking and acceleration, but they also create a risk for the driver, who might be struggling with the various on-campus pressures to drink.

Besides, as everyone knows, alcohol and gasoline are an awful combination (Awful-tasting, of course). The question may come up: What do these designated driver-dames actually do when their all-male entourage goes into the alley for the night? Will they bowl with their compatriots?

Hah! Not a chance. Not only do they not want a girl cramping their style (even after

these girls literally drive them to the lanes), but as far as my sources are concerned (which are completely second-hand, by the way), they might not do anything at all.

But you know what? It's all worth it. Despite these leading ladies in the driver's seat not being able to bowl or meaningfully participate in these activities, they do, indeed, receive a bowling jersey.

So all of you, Senior high schoolers out there, when you eventually do decide to come to Bucknell, don't be afraid when a Senior frat dude happens to send you an invitation to a night of bowling spectatorship after stalking your Insta page: He and the boys probably just want a ride to the local alley.

Since I'm a man though, I don't have to worry about that. Good luck ladies!

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# Love, loss and intimacy coordination in Bucknell's Theater Department

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This year's Family Weekend is booked with activities, adventures and performances for Bucknell students and their loved ones to enjoy.

One of the many performances being held this weekend is the annual first-year show, "Kodachrome." It features all first-year students, from the lead roles to the stage managers, except for the director.

This small and personal story takes place in the small town of Colchester, Conn., where love is just a little out of reach and everyone's got a bit of history. Follow the Photographer as she walks you through the townsfolk's daily lives, losses and loves and watch all the beginnings, endings and beginnings again.

Director Nabeel Jan '23, a film studies and international relations double major, split the lead role of the Photographer into three separate parts. He said this was partially for practicality, as the students had three weeks to put on this production and the Photographer narrates most of the scenes.

There are three different interpretations of a complex and grieving character, with a changing story as each one passes the camera off. A story about humanity and healing, told through the lens of a vintage camera, "Kodachrome" is a moving and reflective piece audiences are not going to want to miss.

But what does this small, black box production have in common with the Netflix sensation "Bridgerton?" The answer is a surprising one: an intimacy coordinator.

The series famously features several sex scenes in its two seasons, but rest assured there will be no such steam in "Kodachrome." Netflix's regency darling did open up a larger conversation around all media: how can the industry make sure actors are comfortable with their intimate scenes?

This is a conversation that was rarely happening in the film industry and even less so in the theater industry. In the wake of "Bridgerton," horror story after horror story came out about actors who felt unsafe and neglected in their physical scenes. In theater, there is the dangerous thinking of actors as set pieces that can be moved around the set as needed to tell the story. What intimacy coordination does is assure the actors their bodily autonomy and control of their scenes.

For "Kodachrome" it started simply, as faculty member cfrancis blackchild was invited into a week of rehearsals to begin the conversation around the show's kisses and slow dances. The discussion highlighted the importance of knowing how to say "no" how to say "yes" and how to find a space that works for both actors in the scene. Before anyone held hands, the actors understood consent, boundaries and the importance of being specific with movements.

The coordination itself was a bit like choreographing a dance, said those involved: times, movements and touches were specific so the actors were in control of what was happening. And if, at any point, someone was tentative or uncomfortable, the scene stopped and everyone worked together to find an alternative.

But why? This play includes a few kisses, some dancing and hand holding, all things college students are plenty familiar with. What is so important about these moments that time was to be taken out of valuable rehearsals to choreograph them?

The common practice in high school theater is often just to send the two actors out into the hallway and let them figure out the kiss. The show's choreographer says to take your partner's waist for the dance scene and it is expected that you do so. But Bucknell hopes to create a more open conversation around these scenes and these sorts of touches.

Every actor is coming from a different background, with different experiences, and different boundaries. Of course, you'd hope that scene partners would inherently respect and understand those boundaries but what intimacy coordination does is make sure that those boundaries are guaranteed to be honored and respected.

It opens a safe space to discuss what the actor is okay with and there is no need to offer any explanation. In real life, you'd never want to make a move that your partner wouldn't be okay with. The building blocks of consent are being informed and enthusiastic. But in the theater, actors don't always get to pick their partners and so it is even more important that everyone feels heard and respected. And that comfort and understanding will come through in the scene, making the performance and the show all the better.

An actor who knows what will be happening in the scene and knows that it will be within their comfort zone is going to be able to act better and bring more of their character to life.

During "Kodachrome" this weekend, audiences should keep an eye out for those little moments. Watch the characters and their emotions come to life and rest assured that the scenes are the best that they can be.

Every single Bucknell Theater production this year will also have an intimacy coordinator to make sure that both the audience and the actors are having the best possible show. Bucknell is excited to further the conversation about consent and intimacy in the arts and to create a safe space to make the best art possible.

Kodachrome will go live on Friday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are seven dollars and available now at the Bucknell Box Office.



# THE BUCKNELLIAN sports

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## Blue and Orange Women's Soccer Finish Weekend on a High Note

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This past week, the women's soccer team started off with an unfortunate loss to Towson. However, the Bison redeemed themselves Sunday afternoon against No. 17 West Virginia University. They held the game scoreless against a nationally ranked opponent.

On the road, Bison fell 2-0 to Towson Tigers in a hard fought match. Despite being unable to convert, the Bison had a number of impressive attempts on goal. In the final minutes of the game Rylee Donaldson '23 made attempts to set Paige Temple '25 up with a quick through ball. Sydney Hess '26 and Teresa Deda '25 each had close shots in the final minutes of the game, but none made their way to the back of the net.

The Bison ended with 12 shots on goal, seven of which were had in the second half. Keeper Jenna Hall '24 finished with three saves.

Sunday afternoon, Hall helped lead the defense with six saves and a clean sheet.

"Our team's goal was just to

deny them from scoring and work extremely hard defensively and capitalize on any attacking chances we got," said Henna Andican '26. On the offensive side, the Bison had many strong attempts that unfortunately did not find their way to the back of the net.

Late in the first half, Ashley Groeber '23 sent a 40-yard cross into the box that met Andican. Andican's volley was knocked down by West Virginia's keeper but Andican was able to rebound for a second attempt that wound up over the bar. In the second half, Deda, Andican, and other Bison had many long distance attempts on goal.

After Sunday's game Andican added, "it takes everyone to create greatness. If everyone wants something, it's achievable. Being a freshman on this team has taught me a lot about family and culture and that really shined through in yesterday's game."

The Bison look to continue their strong performance against Navy Friday night.

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Over the weekend, the Bison Men's Water Polo Team attended the Princeton Invitational in New Jersey. The Bison fought hard against three schools: Princeton, St Francis (Brooklyn), and Cal Lutheran.

In their first Saturday game, the Bison took on the number ten rank, the Princeton Tigers. Unfortunately, they fell short to the Tigers, resulting in an 18-10 loss. Both teams came into this game with intensity and excitement, however, with the Tigers controlling most of the game.

During the first quarter of play, the Bison were scoreless until the 21 second mark when freshman Aleska Stefanovic '26 finally broke the spell. Stefanovic buried the ball in the back of the net, bringing motivation to his team.

All the way until the end, the Bison continued to battle the Tigers. By halftime, the Tigers had taken control of the game with a 9-3 lead. When entering the third quarter, the Orange and Blue turned up the heat. Junior Ethan Jones '24 scored a career high of three goals and the Bison narrowed the gap to only a five point game. Additionally, other players that made contact with the net were senior Andu Vlasceanu '23 and freshman Jack Murad '26.

In their second game of the invitational, the Bison suffered another defeat to St. Francis (Brooklyn) 12-10. The first half remained a close scoring game with no more than a two goal differential.

Senior Jack Lewis '23 had a goal in the third quarter that helped keep the Bison at a more comfortable lead of 9-7.

Throughout the game, junior Doruk Ozar '24 scored three times, alongside Jones and Stefanovic who also contributed multiple points.

Towards the end of the fourth quarter, St. Francis remarkably scored two tying goals at the 6:41 and 2:27 marks, bringing the match into overtime. For the Bison, this was the first overtime matchup of the season.

In the first overtime period, the Bison were down by one and Murad quickly scored with 59 seconds left advancing the game into double overtime. Unfortunately, the Bison were scoreless in the second overtime and fell short by two points.

For their final game of the Princeton Invitational, Bucknell's luck began to turn around. The Bison didn't let Saturday's outcomes affect their mindset or game plan, but instead used those losses as motivation.

The Rookie Shultz said, "our performance on Saturday was pretty lackluster. We had good opportunities and didn't convert. Sunday we played like we should've the whole weekend. It seemed like we came out with a different energy and intensity on Sunday as opposed to Saturday."

Earlier in the season, the Bison faced the Cal Lutheran Kingsmen and suffered a close

13-12 loss. Now the team was fired up for this rematch and determined to stick to their game plan.

Going into the game, the Bison had prepared themselves for a back-and-forth game. The first half was close in scoring, especially with the Kingsmen adding a point with 39 seconds to go in the half. However, Vlasceanu quickly responded by drilling the ball into the goal with 11 seconds, giving Bucknell a lead of 9-5, heading into the second half.

By the third quarter, the Bison began to dominate the matchup completely. In the third quarter alone, they had seven unanswered goals, which extended their lead to 16-5. Many of the points in this game were contributed by Jones, Stefanovic, Vlasceanu, Murad, Ozar, senior Colby Paine '23, and freshman Ian Shultz '26. Finally, after a battle in the fourth quarter to stay on top, the Bison walked away with a 16-9 victory.

"Our team definitely felt good about the win over Cal Lutheran," Shultz said. "We know we are the better team, so it was nice to finally play like it. Going forward, we just have to focus on doing the little things right to help eliminate careless mistakes that cost us."

This weekend, the Bison are taking their talents home to the Kinney Natatorium, hosting the Bucknell Invitational. They will compete against Johns Hopkins, Ford, and Wagner.

## Upcoming Events

### Men's Soccer

- vs Navy 9/17 6pm

### Men's Water Polo

- vs Johns Hopkins 9/17 12:40pm
- vs McKendree 9/18 8am

### Volleyball

- vs Lehigh 9/17 2pm

### Football

- at Central Michigan 9/17 1pm

### Men's Water Polo

- vs Wagner 9/18 1:20pm

### Women's Soccer

- at American 9/21 4pm

### Field Hockey

- at Providence 9/18 1pm

## Bucknell Golf in Williamsburg, Virginia

Hugh Straine  
Contributing Writer

Bucknell Women's Golf kicked off their fall season on Monday and Tuesday in Williamsburg, Virginia at the William & Mary Fall Invitational. The invitational was held at the Kingsmill Resort River Course. It was a 10 team tournament featuring Bucknell and William and Mary, along with Richmond, Elon, Charleston Southern, Towson, South Dakota State, Delaware State, Longwood, and Radford.

The Bison struggled as a team to stay in contention over the weekend, finishing 10th out of 10 in the overall team leaderboard with a cumulative score of +67. Bucknell finished 8th in average scoring on par 3's (3.25), 10th on par 4's (4.57), and 7th on par 5's (5.13). The Orange & Blue struggled the most on the par 4's over Monday and Tuesday, as none of the Bison girls finished in the top 20 in average scoring. The team finished five strokes behind Delaware State, who ended the two day tournament in 9th place. Even with a last place finish, there were some positives for the team. This was Bison women's golf's best team score ever at Kingsmill, and their best team score ever at a fall opener from an away venue.

Although Bucknell struggled in the team statistics,

the Bison had three athletes finish in the top 35 of the individual category. Paige Richter '26 finished T19 at +11, Kelsey Yi '24 grabbed a T23 spot at +12, and Tara Thomas '25 played her way into a T33 performance at +18. Yi also carded her best score ever in the third and final round with a +2 74.

Despite the team not performing to its full potential this weekend, Erin Drahnak '26 was excited to finally get out there with her new teammates. "Everyone was excited to see each other again. The comradery of the team was super and sweet because we all hyped each other up for the matches."

They have their next challenge this weekend at the Nittany Lion Invitational in Happy Valley. Even with the success of the W&M Invitational, Drahnak expresses the team is hungry for bigger things. "We were all very excited for the first tournament. We all worked hard and were ready to put our skills to the test."

With Bison Women's Golf riding high after their best team score in a fall debut ever at anywhere besides Bucknell, and Yi turning heads with a personal best 74, we will see what they have in store at University Park this weekend.



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## Cross Country's Success at the Sienna Invitational

Hugh Straine  
Contributing Writer

It was another successful weekend for the Bison runners this past weekend at the Siena Invitational in New York. The women's team finished in second place with 94 points, behind Quinnipiac (49). Ally Clarke '24 secured 10th place, finishing 5000 meters with a time of 18:35.0.

Clarke reflected on the race and the team's accomplishments. "It was a really good stepping stone for the team, we were happy to come in second! Our team is really deep this year which means we can really rely on each other and work on pack running during races, which is exciting." Caryn Rippey '26 and Abby Paczewski '24, both top three runners the previous week along with Clarke, followed her lead in securing 15th

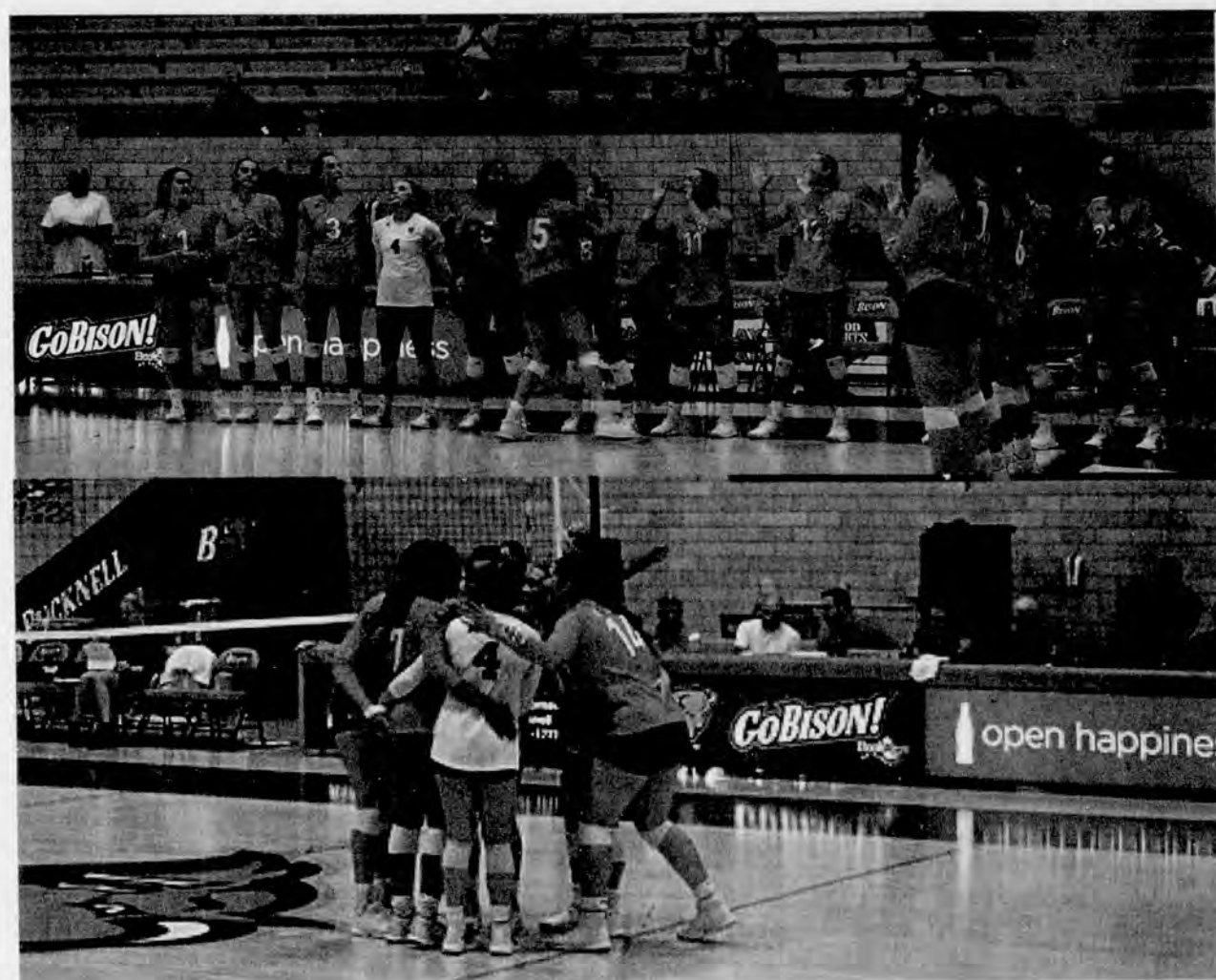
and 17th place finishes.

Looking ahead, Clarke expressed, "we have a big meet up in Boston in two weeks and are excited to see how we stack up against some stronger competition after two intense training weeks!"

The men's team performed well too, finishing in fourth place out of fourteen teams. Sam Whittaker '23, the first place finisher at the Bison Invitational, won 3rd place on this 8000 meter course, a close 8 seconds behind the lead and 3 seconds behind the runner up. Joining Whittaker in scoring and being in the top 30 were Ben Santos '25, Bobby Lynam '25, Trent Dinant '26, and Grayson Crockett '25.

Both teams will show again at the Boston College Invitational in two weeks.





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## Bucknell Volleyball succeeds this weekend

Jamilie Atiyeh  
Contributing Writer

The Bucknell Women's Volleyball Team, which is off to its best start in program history, has completed non-league play since competing in the Western New York Invitational this past weekend in Buffalo, NY. To start off the weekend, the Bison fought a tough fight against the University of Buffalo. Junior Catherine Jamison '24, who was named to the weekend's All-Tournament Team led with eight kills and a .581 hitting percentage, and junior Allie Lopez '24 led the bison with four blocks. The Bulls outcompeted the bison for their first loss of the season (25-21, 25-27, 25-27).

On Saturday, Jamison racked up 31 kills against Canisius and Youngstown. Against Canisius, the junior hit a .444 hitting percentage in the first match, with .333 and .293 over the third and fourth sets. Valentina Feigl '24 put up a strong performance against Canisius with five block assists, one block solo, and nine kills. The match resulted in a win for the Lady Bison, resulting in a 7-1 record for the season (25-12, 17-25, 25-20, 25-17). In their last match of non-league play, Bucknell won two of five matches against Youngstown, leaving them with a 7-2 start to the season. Jamison, along

with freshman Bri Frazilus '26, scored with double digit kills through the five matches.

"It might not have been the outcome we wanted score wise, but we got some valuable lessons about consistency and perseverance and we learned a lot about our versatility as a team. Overall we are definitely on the right path as we head into league this upcoming weekend and I'm so excited to see what we can accomplish together as a team," said senior Lisa Zoch '23.

The bison will begin league play with a home match against Lehigh on Saturday, September 17.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jenna Hall '24



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### Profile

#### Sport

Soccer

#### Hometown

Huger, S.C.

#### High School

Miss Porter's School

#### Position

Goalkeeper

Caleb Wooten  
Contributing Writer

The Bucknell Bison secured a point against a nationally ranked team for the first time in team history, largely due to the stellar performance of goalkeeper Jenna Hall '24. Hall's performance against #17 nationally ranked West Virginia included six saves alongside several breakups. Hall's play earned her Patriot League Goalkeeper of the week, which is the third of her career, as she has earned one in each of her three collegiate seasons.

This performance is nothing new for the star junior, as this is the second solo shut-out of the season for Hall, and 10th solo shutout of her career. Hall's 0.50 goals-against average and .900 save percentage both lead the Patriot League, and her save percentage also ranks 17th nationally. However, despite her attaining much individual success, she largely attributes her accolades to the performance of the team.

"Everybody did a great job of executing the game plan, our defenders did great and our coaches put forth a great game plan. I want to thank them a lot for their contributions because if it wasn't for them, there would have been a lot more shots on goal and a lot more to do," Hall said.

This team effort is on par for the Bison, as they are used to being the underdogs and surpassing all expectations of them. They entered last season ranked ninth out of the ten teams in the Patriot League preseason poll and ended up winning the Patriot League

tournament. This year, being ranked second in the preseason poll, Hall and the Bison still want to keep that same competitive fire that fueled them as underdogs in the past.

"Obviously, winning the Patriot League is the ultimate goal. But I think taking it game by game and really focusing on who we are playing in front of us will help us reach our goal more than anything. The Patriot League tournament will all come at some point, but if we don't focus on this game Friday and keep thinking about the end, we won't be able to execute well and ultimately achieve our goals," Hall said.

This Friday, Hall and the Bison look to build off of this momentum going into Patriot League play in a star-studded matchup versus Navy. Hall believes that this previous game versus West Virginia was the perfect stepping stone heading into this game.

"This is the best feeling we could have had going into Patriot League play this upcoming Friday. I'm excited to go out there and see what we can do. This game versus Navy is going to be a competition. We beat them by one goal in the overtime period in the semifinals of the Patriot League Tournament last year, so they are going to be out for blood. Right now they are ranked to finish first and we are ranked to finish second, so it's going to be a battle."

This Friday matchup will take place at 7 PM and will be streamed live on ESPN+.

## Bison Men's Tennis finishes strong at Villanova

Morgan Sohosky  
Contributing Writer

As the Bison student-athletes are finally getting settled back into campus life, the Men's Tennis Team is just starting their fall season. They traveled to Villanova, PA to compete against Villanova Men's Tennis from September 9-11.

With a strong continuation of the season, Nick Mueller '23 and Brendan McDonald '26 brought the team home after winning three consecutive mini competitions.

This was a non-traditional format for the Bison as they played doubles first then

broke into singles matches. Nonetheless, the team thrived in this setting. Mueller and McDonald stole the show for the Bison, sweeping Colgate and Saint Joseph's Friday and Saturday, respectively, along with a 2 point win over Lehigh on Sunday.

As for the Blue Draw, Tim Zelikovsky '24 and Amar Tahirovic '26 were paired against Lehigh in the first round.

Tahirovic won his first match in three sets, however Lehigh stole the other two points to top Bucknell.

They advanced to the third-place match where they competed against Lafayette and defeated them as well as defeating Lehigh in two singles matches on Sunday. Michael Owen '23 also clinched a singles win over Lafayette's Josh Wolfe.

The mini groups totaled a 6-3 record with individuals being at 17-9. Overall, it was a good, winning weekend for the Bison.

They will head to Vestal, NY next weekend to compete at the Binghamton Invitational.

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## sports news across the nation

### Going Digital: The Sports Betting Boom

Kaylee Donnell  
Senior Writer

As so many aspects of life are turning digital, it was only a matter of time before the famous pastime (or famous addiction) of sports betting made its way into the legal books. Prior to 2018, online sports betting was illegal in every state except Nevada, and in person sports betting was banned in many states. Looking at the country now, over 30 states have now legalized online and in person sports betting, with several others in the midst of drafts and rulings.

The most recent state to legalize sports betting is Kansas. Meanwhile in Georgia, in the current race for governor, representative Stacy Abrams is campaigning for sports betting to be legalized in the state. Some states, like Ohio for example, are legalizing sports betting in convenience stores, grocery stores, and other local businesses. The support for sports gambling seems to be at an all time high, given the popularity of pastimes like fantasy football

and the emergence of sports betting apps.

Interestingly enough, Disney wants to get in on the action. After the Walt Disney company acquired ESPN, they announced their intentions to create an ESPN sports betting app that would allow people to place their bets directly through the network. It's especially fascinating given Disney's general G-rated branding, as sports betting has never been associated with family-friendly fun. Disney claims the app will help them retain their younger adult audience.

The question arises, with the increase in legalizing sports betting, is this a good idea? Many states ban sports betting for its addictive qualities and reputation for debauchery. Gambling as a practice has been known to be addictive, to the point where some people suffer severe financial loss on account of lost bets.

Others have seen the economic opportunities that could arise from sports

betting. Local businesses and casinos who have chosen to include sports betting into their business welcome the atmosphere created by the betting industry, as well as the additional consumer base that join because of the ability to bet. Online app developers, and larger companies are taking advantage of the growing popularity of online sports betting.

For others, it is simply just a pastime. Fantasy football, for instance, is a way to enjoy sports while earning extra side cash. Widespread legalization for many will mostly likely not be a problem, and could stimulate some cash flow throughout local economies.

Pennsylvania has legalized sports betting, both in person and online. In terms of the entire country, legalization is spreading, although it does remain fairly legislated. Its popularity is increasing, and with companies as large as Disney looking to capitalize on the practice, it is almost guaranteed to stay for a while.



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## Bucknell Football Falls at VMI Despite Best Efforts

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Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue fell short, 14-24, this past weekend at Virginia Military Institute. The Bison did not put up any points in the first half of the game and were down by 21 points until junior quarterback Nick Semptimphelter '24 entered the game. Semptimphelter came out on the pitch and energized the team to turn the game around. Semptimphelter capitalized on a 13-yard play to Rushawn Baker '25, putting the Bison on the board to attempt their comeback in the game. The Bison did not complete the 2-point conversion shortly afterward.

Patrick Quinlivan '25 helped assist a turnover for the Bison. After the turnover, Semptimphelter found Kyle Fontes '25 and completed a touchdown for the Bison to

continue the streak of getting on the board. The Bison gained the 2-point conversion with Josh Gary '26 catching the pass from the quarterback.

The Orange and Blue's defense caused several turnovers and a punt in the 4th quarter, but could not get past the 24-14 score set by VMI.

Semptimphelter went 9 for 18 passes, accumulating 95 yards, and quarterback Ethan Grady '25 went 10 for 20 passes, accumulating 54 yards. VMI outgained the Bison, 326-178 in yards but the Bison won in turnovers, with Gavin Pringle '23 starting the turnovers from an interception in the end of the 2nd quarter.

The Bison will compete again this Saturday at 1pm in a matchup against Central Michigan in Mount Pleasant, MI.

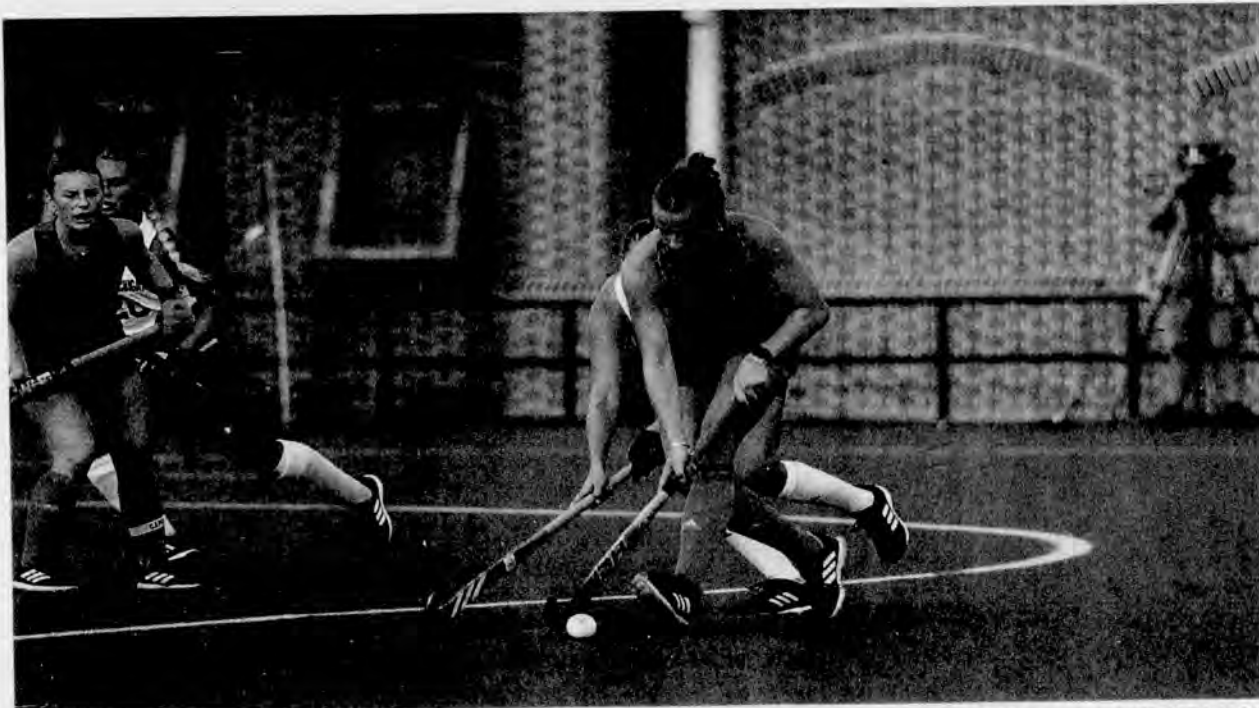


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## Bison Field Hockey Earns First Win at Home

Brooke Tracey  
Contributing Writer

The Bison Field Hockey Team hosted at Graham Field for the first time in 2022 this past weekend, facing Central Michigan University on Friday, September 9th followed by Temple University on Sunday, September 11th. The Orange and Blue earned their first win of the season in the first match of the weekend, followed by a hard-fought defeat.

The Bison dominated from the opening whistle against the Central Michigan Chippewas, with six different Bison tallying points during the game. The Orange and Blue got on the board just over five and a half minutes into the first quarter, with Lily Neilson '25 converting on a shot from the left wing. The Bison continued to press, securing another goal in the second quarter, this time from Kira Leclercq '26 who found the back of the net for the first time in her career. The Bison entered half time

leading 2-0, and continued to fight for the remainder of the match. While the Chippewas were able to get on the board four minutes into the third quarter, the Orange and Blue responded just three minutes later on a Rachel Apa '24 goal. Nielson added one final goal for the Bison towards the end of the third quarter, resulting in a Bison victory, 4-1.

The Orange and Blue returned to Graham Field on Sunday to face-off against the Temple University Owls. Both teams put up a fight in the first half, with a combined two shots and three penalty corners. While the Bison carried the momentum, the Owls were able to capitalize on one of their chances, leading the Bison 1-0 at the half. Early in the third quarter, the Orange and Blue defense was met by an eager Temple offense, which found the back of the net three times

at the beginning of the third quarter. The Bison responded in the fourth, with a goal from Nielson, lessening the Owls' lead 4-1. Temple was able to convert one final goal in the fourth quarter, making it extremely difficult for the Bison to come back. With less than a minute left in the match, Neilson scored off of a penalty corner, ending the match 5-2 in favor of Temple.

Despite winning their first game, Apa admitted, "the team had a tough first couple of games, but knows what needs to change in order to get ahead with an upcoming Patriot League game!"

The Bison will travel to New England this upcoming weekend, facing Patriot League opponent Holy Cross on Saturday, September 17th at 11am. They will then make their way to Providence on Sunday, September 18th to play Providence College at 1pm.



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## The Bison Soccer team falls short of a victory

Hannah Stuck  
Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue Men's Soccer Team played Mount St. Mary's in a dramatic loss in Lewisburg on Friday night. Mount St. Mary's scored 2 goals in the final 3 minutes to give them victory on the night.

Captain MJ Kuczura '24 had a fantastic night on the pitch, scoring his first career goal eight minutes into the game to give the Bison a lead 1-0.

Kuczura was a force on the field all night, starting out the game strong by slotting a ball to Sebastian Paz '24 that got blocked by the Mount St. Mary's goalkeeper just six minutes in.

Throughout the game, Paz was hungry for a goal, having 4 shots throughout the game. The junior, alongside Mo Tall '23, were credited with the assists on Kuczura's goal.

Mount St. Mary's tied up the game before halftime.

Jackson Sullivan '26 had a game winning opportunity in the 83rd minute, but Mount St. Mary's

goalie made a great stop to keep the game all tied up.

The Bison played an aggressive game, having 18 fouls called on them in comparison to only 7 fouls called on Mount St. Mary's.

On the 18th foul, a Mount St. Mary's player scored from 27 yards out to give the Mountaineers the lead with around 3 minutes remaining in the match.

Two minutes later, the Mountaineers struck again, advancing their lead to 3-1.

The Bison had the better of the play, with the shots being 14-9 and 7-3 in corner kicks in favor of the Orange and Blue.

Kuczura reflected on the match. "It was a really disappointing ending to the game. The team has been working really hard in practice and games and we just didn't get the result we wanted. Even though we lost, all of these games are preparing us for Patriot League play."

The Bison play at home again on Wednesday vs Saint Francis at 7pm.



# RAs: Does the School do Enough to Compensate Them?

Ricky Rodriguez  
Contributing Writer

College is about living, about loving, and of course, laughing. College is about intentionally engaging with the world around you, especially the people that bring out the best in you. College is about discovering who you are and building a foundation strong enough to support you on the journey to becoming who you want to be. All these things, this idea of an amazing experience, is not attainable nor does it come easy to all people.

Understanding that the college experience — especially at Bucknell — is one big nuance is integral in becoming more aware of the extra work and extra time certain students have to put in just to survive (on this campus).

I think a lot about the experiences of RAs and JFs on this campus and the sacrifices many disadvantaged student leaders make in order to build a network from scratch and prove to the world they're nowhere near mediocre.

The RA position is challenging in many ways. It pushes people to find ways to be respected leaders within a group of peers; it bestows a certain level of responsibility

that often means being an (unpopular) enforcer; it places people in situations where they interact and have to deal with very very very rude people, among many other things.

My personal experience as an RA follows much of the aforementioned. However, I'm truly grateful for the support of my dope friends and supervisors that motivated me to push boundaries and create meaningful relationships with intention.

As a current Lead RA, however, I do my best to not gaslight the group of RAs I'm overseeing and try to be as real and transparent as possible when discussing their experiences and overall feelings. There are some truly disrespectful people on this campus that do the absolute most when it comes to causing unnecessary messes RAs have to clean up.

Not to mention, many RAs come from low-income backgrounds and have no other choice but to become an RA in order to relieve a financial burden from their shoulders. Additionally, a large number of RAs are BIPOC and represent the MOST marginalized groups on campus and endure double the microaggressions when compared to other student leaders.

Whether it's through the establishment of respect for others/community expectations from the start of orientation or the implementation of real consequences for spoiled little kids that know a slap on their wrist is the worst that can happen to them, the university administration needs to do more when it comes to acknowledging the root of entitlement many people on this campus feel when it comes to wreaking havoc.

I hope university officials are able to realize the vital role RAs play and the many hats student leaders within this position put on in order for this campus community to function as well as it does. Whether it's peer support, resource referrers, or simply people that put a smile on their residents' faces and make their days better - RAs do it all and I'm more than proud to be part of such an amazing community that goes unrecognized every single day.

So...yeah, admin. Up the semester honorariums. Throw some pizza parties. Give RAs the same energy you give other student groups that do the bare minimum. We all know who I'm talking about.

With love,  
Ricky Rodriguez <3



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## Recruitment: Real Life vs. "Rush-Tok"

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Opinions Co-editor

Over the past two years, young people have been captivated by content online describing the process of sorority recruitment, or "rush."

On Tik Tok, the videos posted by potential new members of sororities were so popular that they catapulted young women into internet stardom overnight. "Rush Tok" has given insight into the well-known but deeply misunderstood practice of recruiting new members into a chapter. Some would say that it has glamorized the sorority recruitment experience and sets a dangerous expectation for women looking to the internet for insight on joining a chapter.

At Bucknell University, there is a rich tradition of Greek life. In 1855, shortly after the opening of the university, charters of Greek organizations started to pop up and have been a huge part of the Bucknell experience ever since. Every year, sororities and fraternities recruit new members into pledge classes based on individuals' social, philanthropic and academic characteristics.

Recruitment for sororities is a formal process, guided by rules and regulations decided on by national organizations. There are three rounds: sisterhood round, philanthropy round and preference round.

These span over the course of about a week, and the process is concluded on "bid day."

Recently, "bid day" was celebrated, and potential new members who went through the sorority recruitment process were offered membership into one of the seven sorority chapters on Bucknell's campus. But, is the process of joining a sorority as glamorous as it has been depicted online?

New and initiated members of sororities across chapters answer that question with a resounding no. I interviewed members of three different sorority chapters to get a little more insight into the process.

The general consensus: bid day is an exciting tradition and highlight of the week, however, the effort that it necessitates makes the week leading up to the day, 'work week', takes away from the overall joy of the experience. The uncomfortability and pressure that is put on sorority women to 'perform' under the social pressure of campus as well as the strict standards set by the national chapters of sororities makes what is supposed to be a fun experience of building sisterhood a difficult social puzzle. Having to be critical of fellow classmates and potential 'sisters' throughout the rush process seems antithetical to

the idea of a sisterhood built on the principles of community and mutual respect, however, Bucknell chapters are not the ones making that the way things have to be, it is a national issue.

Sororities are, without a doubt, a large presence on Bucknell's campus. They facilitate social events and engage in important philanthropic work. But, overwhelmingly, students question the process of sorority recruitment and its exclusionary nature. Clearly, there is more of a psychological toll associated with the sorority experience than is advertised on social media platforms.

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# A Commentary on the 2022 Venice Film Festival

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Glitz, glamor and scarlet red ensembles: what has the most recent Venice Film Festival taught us about the film industry?

My extraordinary passion for both fashion and film makes the Venice Film Festival the most anticipated event of the year for me. This festival is the oldest and one of the most prestigious film festivals in the world, dating back to 1932 when it was first organized only for the President of the Biennale, Count Giuseppe Volpi di Misurata, the sculptor Antonio Maraini and Luciano De Feo. Starting in 1935, the festival became an annual event and has since maintained its prestige and class.

The purpose of the event is to present a collection of world-class films, welcoming the most successful directors and actors of our time to the red carpet at Lido di Venezia. The glamorous charm of the Venetian setting paired with the incomparable esteem of the attendees creates

a magical experience, both for the audience and for the featured creators.

This year, however, the headlines following the festival were less than charming.

Cast drama from the Olivia Wilde — directed thriller, “Don’t Worry Darling,” has distracted from the event’s intention of honoring cinema as an art form. Not even Timothée Chalamet’s showstopping Haider Ackerman halter neck pantsuit and kitten-heeled boots distracted us from the drama.

For context, actress Florence Pugh was casted for the role of Alice Chambers; this film was supposed to give Pugh the space to showcase her talent and be launched into a new stratosphere of her career. Alice Chambers’ husband in the film is character Jack Chambers, who Olivia Wilde initially wanted to be played by Shia LaBeouf (an undeniably controversial man). Following this casting decision, Pugh expressed deep concerns about sharing

intimate scenes with LaBeouf, and he was ultimately fired from the role before filming.

This is where the drama comes in. It seems that Wilde wasn’t keen on firing LaBeouf, and tried her best to push Pugh to accept him as her co-star.

Video footage leaked of Wilde saying to LaBeouf, “You know, I think this might be a bit of a wake-up call for Miss Flo, and I want to know if you’re open to giving this a shot with me, with us. If she really commits, if she really puts her mind and heart into it at this point and if you guys can make peace — and I respect your point of view, I respect hers — but if you guys can do it, what do you think? Is there hope? Will you let me know?”

This condescending tone and blatant disregard for Pugh’s concerns is alarming, especially coming from a female director in a male-dominated industry where many actresses already feel uncomfortable walking onto

set. With this project, Wilde was supposed to legitimize female presence in the film industry and create a safe space for actors and actresses.

Unfortunately, the story doesn’t end there. In 2020, Wilde and pop sensation Harry Styles started dating. Styles, whose strength clearly lies in singing, quickly became LaBeouf’s replacement for the Jack Chambers role.

Not only is this problematic because of the relationship between Styles and Wilde, but Styles’ fan base was quick to make the entire film about him; what was once a project meant to highlight Florence Pugh and the work of a female director was suddenly drowned out by Styles’ fame. Despite the dramatic conception that this film had, I am sure it’ll impress audiences in theaters on Sept. 23.

To end on a positive note, the fashion this year at the festival was unmatched. Florence Pugh stunned in a dazzling

sheer Valentino dress, and Harry Styles rocked a blue two-tone Gucci suit.

Sadie Sink made headlines with her ruffled Alexander McQueen gown, as did Gemma Chan in her silver mirrored Louis Vuitton number. The festival’s winners were also impressive.

The Golden Lion, the highest award that can be given at the Venice Film Festival, was granted to the documentary, “All the Beauty and the Bloodshed” directed by Laura Poitras, becoming only the second documentary to take home the festival’s top prize in its 90 years of existence. Luca Guadagnino — director of the film “Bones and All,” launching on November 23, starring Timothée Chalamet and Taylor Russell — won Best Director.

Though it was riddled with fan-fueled drama, this year’s Venice Film Festival managed to exude class, elegance, and creativity in its same iconic star-studded fashion.



## Understanding the Symbolism of the Monarch

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Queen Elizabeth II died on Sept. 8, 2022, at age 96 during her stay at her majesty’s Scottish residence, Balmoral Castle.

Sentiments of mourning are felt around the globe as many commemorate her life and celebrate her devotion to her royal responsibilities. The Queen lived through so much change in the British Empire but her engagement with that change is something to be considered. What were the Queen’s responsibilities and why is it important to investigate what she represents?

In a recent speech addressing the shifting monarch, now King Charles III marks this period as one of “mourning

and change.” Addressing the symbols associated with the Queen and the British royal family is integral to changing how we address the history of the British Empire.

Conducting my research for this article was the first time I really thought: What do royals do?

Insider explains that while the Queen was required to be politically neutral, she took on a “ceremonial role” in UK political affairs through providing Royal Assent on legislation, presenting titles of honor and acting as a Colonel-in-Chief of the armed forces and patron of charities. The work of the rest of her family related to these types of roles as the Queen delegated some of her responsibilities unto other family members.

I think that my lack of interest in investigating the responsibilities of the Queen in the past illuminates how the Queen and the other royals serve as a symbol more than anything else. The image of the Queen is so complex and what she represents depends on who you speak to and their understanding of Britain’s past.

She is viewed as a charitable and devoted monarch to so many, but the Washington Post also acknowledges many who refuse to mourn her death; they are instead calling attention to the suppressed colonial history of the British that has evoked extreme forms of violence and racism. They are acknowledging the way in which the “goodness

and charity” associated with the Queen is being wrongly tacked on to the history of Britain before and during her reign.

It is from these opposing perspectives that I think that any good reputation surrounding the monarch should not be used to represent Britain. The Washington Post explains that this association is a form of “erasure of colonial racism and violence” and I agree.

This is not to say that the Queen has not done any good, as I do believe that her acts of service and commitment to her responsibilities and nation is commendable. But her actions and responsibilities should not be perceived to be entwined as they are with the political

changes to Britain throughout her reign.

To reiterate, the goal of this article is not to discredit the good that the Queen has done, but it is to shine a light on the perspective that the symbol that embodies her is one that neglects to address Britain’s past.

Referring back to King Charles’ call for change, I hope the symbolism that monarchs and royal families embody for the nations in which they reside can be corrected to accurately reflect history.

And in the words of Queen Elizabeth II herself: “Change has become a constant; managing it has become an expanding discipline. The way we embrace it defines our future.”



# A year in Western Africa: Professor Doces and his study of human behavior

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Professor of political science John Doces spent the past year in Western Africa — mainly Cote d'Ivoire also known as the Ivory Coast — conducting his research on the political economy of development. Interest in this sparked a Associate professor of political science John Doces spent the past year in Western Africa — mainly Cote d'Ivoire — conducting his research on the political economy of development. Interest in this sparked during his studies of international political economy. Knowing the importance of field work, he narrowed into the study of development in Africa. During his time doing research he was able to perform over 25 tests and experiments. While on a broader spectrum he investigated development he specifically worked with different areas of decision making to study behavior. He was able to observe through testing why people act rationally. With his other main areas of focus being identity and methodology, he was able to bring back with him real world experience and data to incorporate into the classes he now teaches. Professor Doces was able to provide extensive insight on his research and theories.

The ongoing expansion of research programs at the University has rewarded both students and professors with a wide variety of opportunities. Research conducted at the university, and internationally incorporates an extension of critical thinking beneficial to students, professors and the classes they teach.



## The effects of surveying methodology on honesty

Testing the different delivery methods of these experiments was another large area of focus for Professor Doces. It was observed that amongst the Ivorians answers varied when responses were taken on paper in comparison to an iPad, but also when the enumerators' race and nationality differed. In terms of technology used for surveying it was found that honest answers were more common when using paper and pencil rather than an iPad.

Doces explained that this could be due to possible fear of the technology and the government having some type of access to it. With that fear they would be less likely to answer truthfully when asked about the president. The other aspect of delivery tested was with the enumerators. Doces himself acted as an enumerator along with one American Ivorian, an Ivorian born and raised in London, and a common local Ivorian. The idea of 'does the person asking the question matter' was tested with questions about the respondents happiness. They found that answers when asked by professor Doces exhibited higher levels of happiness than when asked by the other enumerators. It was concluded that these differences in responses would likely be due to race rather than nationality. The last aspect that was tested dealt with the education level of the enumerator.

Although it was somewhat obvious through their manner and way of speaking, the experiment had them clearly state their education level before asking the respondents their questions. In these situations it was found that the most honest answers were collected from the common Ivorian with the lowest level of education. It was discussed that this could be due to some form of intimidation from outsiders with extremely different backgrounds and went on to prove why a diverse team of enumerators would be beneficial for research.



## Rational behavior as a result of living in poverty

Substantial differences were identified between the rational behavior of African Ivorian people in comparison to behavior of common individuals from WEIRD, western, educated, industrialized, rich and democratic, countries. To perform these studies in the field framing, anchoring and endowment effects were tested. The Dictator Game was also an economic game that was executed by Professor Doces.

Overall, he found that the Ivorians in almost every situation act more rationally. The belief is that this behavior is derived from their living conditions rather than an identity or their race. He explained his theory that if people of WEIRD countries were to be put in African living situations they too would begin to act more rationally. In the society we consider to be normal we are provided with the luxury of being cognitively relaxed. Research that was collected shows that living in extreme poverty in no way offers these guarantees that our society so often does.



## Identity and the impacts of colonization and slavery

Africa and its remarkable amount of ethnic diversity provokes questions concerning the relationship between identity and development. With so much diversity promoting development in the area would begin to push a nationally shared identity rather than embracing different ethnicities. The impacts of colonization played a large part in these studies as it disrupted the identities of many different ethnic groups. Doces expanded on a specific investigation of the Nzima people. The ethnic group was divided during the establishment of Ghana and Ivory Coast, the Nzima's in Ghana were then colonized by the British and the Ivorians by the French. Their methods of colonization varied and through that pride in ethnic identity was affected. Through his experiments with ethnic and national pride he discovered the Ivorian Nzima aligned closer with a national identity while those in Ghana had a stronger ethnic identity.

He said that this could've been accredited to the British colonizing Ghana with a divide and conquer method allowing them to embrace ethnicity more compared to the French that opted for the push of national identity. Doces said that not every ethnic group shows colonization having an impact on their identity, but there is this significant evidence that suggests colonization has long run effects on identity.

## A year of living "in the field"

Processor Doces has an abundance of research to share and endless personal stories. He is a strong believer in the practice of remaining in the field, as close as possible to the same living conditions as the people he was studying. This provides a better understanding of why they may think or respond the way they do to certain tests. He explained how he came to understand their mindset on work and how it is so different from the attitudes we typically witness. During this time he was witness to the destruction of an entire community of people. When asked why such a thing was occurring officials had no true answer. While it could have been assumed it was due to a lack of property rights they would on occasion say it was to build a road. Yet Doces housing remained untouched while the homes of thousands around him were completely destroyed. Moments like these and the reasons behind them could go unnoticed when researchers are not in the field to witness it. He is now in the process of making a documentary surrounding this issue and tragedy.

A year's worth of research on the development of Africa cannot be covered in a short article but Professor Doces ties in his research and experience directly to his courses when he can. This semester with one of his classes being "Politics of Precolonial West Africa," students are constantly provided real world examples to further what they are learning.

"Being there and experiencing day to day has given me a level of understanding, knowledge, and interest that I could not have gotten reading books in Lewisburg," Doces Seaid.

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## Bucknell named sixth nationwide in engineering programs

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News Editor

The University was recently named sixth overall in engineering for colleges without doctorate programs by the U.S. News & World Report.

The College of Engineering was awarded several prestigious rankings out of the other 230 schools considered, including electrical engineering at second in the country, civil engineering at fifth, computer engineering at fifth and mechanical engineering at ninth.

"Our strong U.S. News & World Report rankings are a testament to the students, faculty and staff in the College of Engineering," Brad Putman, Richard E. Garman Dean of Engineering, said. "There is so much innovative learning and teaching going on every day on our campus. Students get the unique opportunity to engage in hands-on experiences, collaborative learning and team-based projects that, when coupled with other high impact experiences of a

Bucknell education, prepare them well for their future careers."

In the past the College of Engineering has been ranked seventh overall, but several programs, including chemical engineering and biomechanical engineering, are in categories with too few schools to be accurately ranked. In 2021, the acceptance rate to study engineering at the University was 34.5%.

The University was also designated sixteenth overall for co-ops and internships — ranking it higher than notable schools as Harvard University and the University of Notre Dame.

Co-ops normally are not done in conjunction with coursework, and normally last an entire semester. Internships are generally shorter in duration and require fewer hours per week; some can be completed during coursework.

The University offers resources for students seeking co-ops and internships, including the Center for Career Advancement, career fairs, alumni panels and

resources on Handshake. There are a number of opportunities to apply through the University for on-campus internships, which can take place over the summer, an academic semester or an entire academic year.

The Bucknell Public Interest Program Internship Fund, which is worth \$4,500 and is awarded based on merit to a student who has earned a full-time, unpaid internship in the public service and nonprofit sector, is also available to students.

Many University students also participate in research, for which they can be paid and can be done over the summer or during the school year. Administrators said this tends to be popular with students in STEM fields, but application is available to all University students.

The rankings were done through U.S. News and World Report's survey system, which recruited "college presidents, chief academic officers, deans of students and deans of admissions from more than 1,500 schools" to participate.

Those surveyed could nominate up to 15 schools with "stellar" demonstrations of internships and co-ops, and institutions who received more than 10 votes were ranked accordingly.

The system for ranking engineering programs is slightly different from the co-op and internship survey system. Engineering institutions with doctoral degrees available, which number 212 institutions, are in a separate category than those without, which is the category the University falls into. The perspective of separating the categories was recommended by the American Society for Engineering Education.

"Average peer assessment scores for each engineering program were determined by computing a trimmed mean — eliminating the two highest and two lowest scores given by respondents," U.S. News and World Reports wrote. "Average scores were then sorted and undergraduate engineering programs were ranked in descending order based on the average peer assessment score."

## Bucknell Student Government election results released

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News Editor

Student election results for the 2022-23 academic year for all 64 government positions were announced Sept 10.

Among these results were several positions, such as the president, vice-president, treasurer and senators for each class year, in addition to the Academic, Advocacy, Community, Diversity, Sustainability and ORB Committees.

The Bucknell Student Government is meant to provide a voice to the 3,854 students here at the University pertaining to themes of fostering community and inclusion, as well as act as a middle ground between students and faculty.

Throughout the academic year, the student government meets every Thursday from 5-6 p.m. in Academic West 114. Each month, the first Senate meeting will be open to students for the opportunity to provide feedback or input on what students would like to change or add. The next public meeting will be held on Oct 6.

Some elected students offered quotes about their anticipations for this upcoming year.

"This is my fourth year being elected to Bucknell Student

Government, and I am very excited for another term," April Hurlock, a senior class Senator, said. "The senior class Senate has a lot of fun plans in store for the year; we are working hard to make sure that the senior class can get the most out of our last year here. In addition to being elected as a senator, I was reinstated as the Community Committee Chair, so I am very excited to continue to collaborate and foster meaningful connections with Downtown Lewisburg."

Gabby Diaz '25, newly elected class president, said she's excited to start new diversity & inclusion and community engagement initiatives.

"As the president of the Class of '26, I am most excited to plan fun events that will unite the first-years with each other and the rest of the Bucknell community," Hayley Leopold '26 said.

Class President Walid Abdallah '24 said, in an email, he is "extremely grateful the junior class gave me the opportunity of being class president! I'm looking forward to setting up more class-wide events that will nurture an inclusive and welcoming environment. I'm ready to have a great year with you all!"

More details can be found on the BSG website and Instagram page @bucknellstudentgov.

## Mask mandate reinstated on campus



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The campus received an email from Gregg Rokavec, Bucknell's Director of Safety & Risk Management, on Sept. 19 announcing that masks would be required in all indoor campus spaces until further notice.

Bucknell's COVID-19 and masking protocol is determined by the Center of Disease Control's risk assessment of Union County — which was deemed to be high risk at this time.

While Bucknell no longer provides a dashboard of cases on campus, the CDC still tracks the number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths in Union County.

As Bucknell students entered the new semester, masks were not required on campus because transmission rates were considered to be medium. Professors were still allowed to require masks as per personal preference and masks are still required at Bucknell Student Health, regardless of the transmission rates.

The last time the campus experienced a mask mandate was on June 13 this past summer, which was quickly lifted three days later, as risk levels lowered.

The accessibility to COVID-19 testing resources has greatly increased since the beginning of the pandemic. In conjunction with the reinstatement of the mask mandate, students were emailed on Sept. 20 that antigen tests would now be available in a vending machine located on the ground floor of the Elaine Langone Center, across from the Bison.

Students are able to receive two test kits per week by swiping their BU-ID.

Despite the reinstatement of the mask mandate, there are still concerns from some students and student organizations about whether or not these protocols are enough to ensure student safety. In response, students from the Social Justice Residential College have begun a petition to garner support from others, in demand of a stronger response.

The main points of the petition are concerns about the lack of tracking of campus cases, and less strict protocol for students who test positive.

In comparison to previous semesters during the pandemic, Bucknell is no longer providing or requiring off-campus isolation housing — resulting in students being trusted to isolate on their own terms.

This could be especially difficult for first-year students who commonly have a roommate, are bound to a meal plan at Bostwick Cafeteria and do not have a car on campus. The description of the petition includes anonymous quotes from students who have had some of these complicated experiences after testing positive.

"Due to the lack of support from Bucknell I endangered myself and those around me," one read, with the initials MAW attached. "I had to be around others in my dorm, bathrooms, and the cafeteria, potentially spreading [COVID] to those around me. I had extreme fatigue, headaches, nausea, and poor appetite but I still had to walk to the cafeteria to get food and over exert myself doing work in order to not fall behind."

A writer with the initials TC wrote they wished the Dashboard was still operating so they could have better protected themselves.

Another writer, ML, wrote "I didn't like that they were making me stay in my room with the possibility of infecting my roommate."

The Bucknellian reached out to Ella Ulrich '26, creator of the petition, for a statement but did not receive an answer in time for publication.



# breaking the bubble

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News Editor

## DOMESTIC

President Joe Biden said in a 60 Minutes interview that aired Saturday that the COVID-19 “pandemic is over.” He alluded to the fact that far fewer people are wearing masks and that “everybody seems to be in pretty good shape.” His dismissal of the pandemic has prompted confusion and anger, with some politicians citing the fact that 2,500 Americans die of COVID-19 each week while others share their frustration with the continuation of mask and vaccine mandates.

A criminal investigation has been opened in response to Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and other state officials paying more than \$600,000 to fly migrants to Martha’s Vineyard in Massachusetts. The lawsuit alleges that DeSantis used money that “originated from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and was therefore subject to its use restrictions.”

## INTERNATIONAL

Uganda declared an Ebola outbreak after a 24-year-old man died shortly following manifestation of symptoms. WHO Africa confirmed there are eight suspected cases currently being treated and that there have been staff members deployed to assist with providing healthcare. Uganda has not reported an outbreak of Ebola since 10 years ago, when 17 people died in the 2012 outbreak. At this time, authorities are not aware of the source of the recent outbreak.

Hurricane Fiona ravaged Puerto Rico before hitting the Turks and Caicos Islands. The national government imposed a curfew in anticipation and warned people in flood-prone areas to evacuate. As a Category 3 hurricane, it left most residents in Puerto Rico with no electricity or running water. Some parts of Puerto Rico could receive up to 35 inches of rain, while the Dominican Republic could receive as much as 20 inches of rain.

# 5 things to do this weekend

Jaxon White  
Editor-in-Chief

### Fall Fest

The annual Fall Fest returns this year, after a brief hiatus because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, on Saturday from 5–10 p.m. on Sojka Lawn. Brent Papon, director of the CAP Center, told The Bucknellian there will be carnival rides, lawn games, food and student performers. Attendees over the age of 21 can participate in a beer garden as well.

### Science Quad chalk art competition

The Samek Museum Art Club is hosting a sidewalk chalk art competition on Friday on the Science Quad, according to the Sept. 21 Message Center post. The event will run from 4–6 p.m., with registration taking place at 4 p.m. the same day on the Science Quad. Tiffany Demmon, the writer of the post, said that the Club will accept solo entries, or groups that want to participate together.

### Applications for Epsilon Eta are due Oct. 7

Epsilon Eta is a student-led environmental society, intended to give students an opportunity to “build professional relationships in the environmental and sustainability disciplines,” according to a Sept. 21 Message Center Post from Milton Newberry. According to the organization’s

recruitment poster, applications are due on Oct. 7. The poster lists multiple contacts for the club, including: Maya Sabiter, mas098@bucknell.edu; Molly Garrahy, mcg015@bucknell.edu; Maggie Zipfel, mez003@bucknell.edu.

### Volunteer with the Bucknell Greenway

Although the project will not be released for a few months, according to Professor Paul Siewers, Bucknell Greenway is looking for volunteers. The project is intended for the “shaping of a recreational, educational, and ecological corridor along an approximately 4-mile path loop through campus,” according to a Sept. 20 Message Center Post from Siewers. To inquiry about getting involved, Siewers said to reach out to him by email at asiewers@bucknell.edu.

### Feminist Friday event

The Gender and Sexuality Resources Office is hosting a Support Incarcerated Victims/ Survivors event on Friday at 4 p.m. in Elaine Langone Center room 063, as part of their Feminist Friday series of events. “Join us at Feminist Friday to learn about the relationship between abuse, criminalization, race, and gender and take action to support incarcerated victim/survivors through letter writing,” the Sept. 21 Message Center Post from Abby Fite, associate director for the Gender and Sexuality Resources Office, said.

# BSG Election Results

| Class of 2023 Senate-                                                                                                                         | Class of 2024 Senate-                                                                                                 | Class of 2025 Senate-                                                                                                                  | Class of 2026 Senate-                                                                                                             | Diversity Committee-                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>President:</b><br>Nabeel Jan                                                                                                               | <b>President:</b><br>Walid Abdallah                                                                                   | <b>President:</b><br>Gabby Diaz                                                                                                        | <b>President:</b><br>Hayley Leopold                                                                                               | Ellie Lowe<br>Thandeka Bango<br>Deborah Gonkpah      |
| <b>Vice President:</b><br>Andrew Finegan                                                                                                      | <b>Vice President:</b><br>Preston Edmunds                                                                             | <b>Vice President:</b><br>Arjun Anand                                                                                                  | <b>Vice President:</b><br>Eliza Morris                                                                                            | <b>Sustainability Committee</b>                      |
| <b>Secretary:</b><br>Taylor Armstrong                                                                                                         | <b>Secretary:</b><br>Virginia Vincent                                                                                 | <b>Secretary:</b><br>Isa Segura                                                                                                        | <b>Secretary:</b><br>Amira Faden                                                                                                  | Amaya Becker<br>Tyler Thrutchley<br>Elliot Kilgallen |
| <b>Senators:</b><br>Lindsey Kulp<br>Isaiah Mays<br>Juliette Chandler<br>Ricky Rodriguez<br>Maggie Zipfel<br>Christian Melgar<br>April Hurlock | <b>Senators:</b><br>Amanda Mangano<br>Michelle Vovsha<br>Sarah Hanlon<br>Maggie Heuer<br>Eddie Scutari<br>Cate Pleper | <b>Senators:</b><br>Sam Douds<br>Victoria Romero<br>Maddie MacKay<br>Brendan Baganski<br>Gabby Segura<br>Anna Garvey<br>Valoria Maslin | <b>Senators:</b><br>Emma Coakley<br>Liam Sanders<br>Thomas Cianci<br>Will O’Brien<br>Maddy Mitchell<br>Molly Woods<br>Finn Atkins | <b>Organizational Review Board-</b>                  |
| <b>Academic Committee-</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>Advocacy Committee-</b>                                                                                            | <b>Community Committee-</b>                                                                                                            |                                              |                                                      |
| Daniella Acocella<br>Vivian Kuang<br>Alicia Brown<br>Reece Pauling                                                                            | Jenna DeLuccia<br>Kat Gioia<br>Joshua Smith                                                                           | Aden Brooks<br>Carlos Gonzalez<br>KJ Portillo<br>Jane Landes                                                                           |                                                                                                                                   |                                                      |

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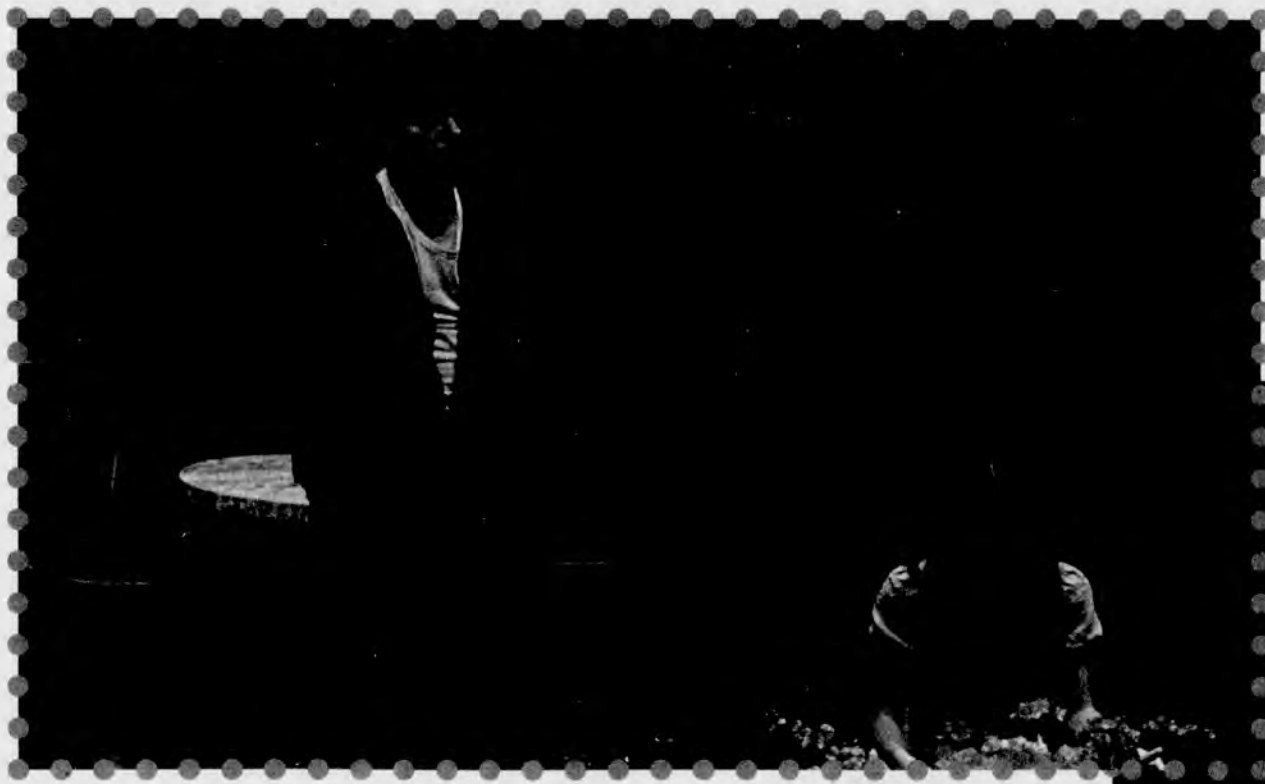
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# First Year Show a Success for Family Weekend

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The First-year theater production of "Kodachrome" ran this parents' weekend, drawing attendees from across the Bucknell community and their families.

With high attendance and a nearly sold out Saturday matinee, the cast and crew staged three successful shows in Tustin studio.

With only three weeks to prepare a full play, the crew said nerves were high among themselves and the cast, but the ultimate payoff became the energy from the audience, who laughed and cried alongside the first-year actors just dabbling in their first college-level theater performance.

Much of the work involved introducing young actors to Bucknell's theater department, director Nabeel Jan '23 said. While many Bucknell mainstage productions involve jumping right into the material with experienced actors, Jan was tasked with designing a crash-course in expectations, vocabulary and professionalism.

From gaining familiarity on set to establishing expectations among scene partners and understanding the level of commitment involved in a three-week rehearsal period, Kodachrome's cast faced a particularly difficult challenge. According to Jan, however, the newest additions to Bucknell theater rose to the task.

Of working with cfrancis blackchild on intimacy coordination, Jan believes the experience was "one of the best I've ever had in a creative setting, creating an environment where everyone can communicate

with respect without sacrificing that openness for efficiency."

Moving quickly yet intentionally, all involved were able to balance the responsibilities of a mature, professional production with the demands of time, creating an environment in which actors' performances thrived, and audiences certainly noticed.

"Having heard the words to this show so many times, it's always funny to watch the audience take an entirely different meaning from the actual performance," said Jan.

Audiences laughed during the show's lighter moments, but the impact of Kodachrome holds a deep significance.

When asked why he chose this specific show, Jan said that the process began much earlier than his return to campus for the fall semester. Having selected the show in the spring, he wanted to show the process of grief from a unique perspective, something Kodachrome delivers on as it follows a deceased photographer as she narrates and documents the lives of those she left behind.

Despite the heavier nature of the written material, Jan said he was proud of the young actors taking their roles with grace and professionalism. The show was ultimately an introduction and a collaboration, and "actors and crew went above and beyond."

Jan said that the main character's monologue during Act 1 "crystallized" the feelings he held towards the show. During it, she describes the fear of losing the memory of someone as grief progresses.

"Watching that monologue alongside the audience on opening night drove home why I chose this play, and it's a moment I'll never forget".

## CATAPULT COMPETITION

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY MAKER SOCIETY

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in Mooney Lab

**Launch Day:** Oct 1 @ 3pm  
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# Fall Fest is back in full swing



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With the leaves changing colors and the sun setting earlier, it can only mean one thing — the annual Bucknell Fall Festival is just around the corner.

On Saturday from 5–10 p.m. on Sojka Lawn, The CAP Center

will host the annual Bucknell “Fall Fest” to celebrate the beginning of a new season, and the beginning of the new school year.

The event will include an abundance of activities and amenities that will transform this school from the rural Lewisburg, to a beautiful beach boardwalk, according to Brent Papson,

director of Campus Activities and Student Media.

“The planning has been going well, and there is a lot of excitement for it,” Papson said. The CAP Center Core, the student programming board, has been hard at work for a while planning this year’s Fall Fest.

The organization works with an host of other student facilities agencies, such

as the Student Lectureship and Concert Committee to plan large-scale events such as this one. According to the CAP Center Core, they predict around 1,500–2,000 students will partake in an evening of Fall Fun.

There will be “a full-blown carnival on campus with a ferris wheel, giant slide, and a bunch more rides and games such as a giant slide, tornado, round up, ping pong toss, basketball and balloon darts,” Papson said. “There are also 300 Fall Fest t-shirts ready to be tie-dyed.”

Papson said there will be plenty of food for students as well. Snacks and meals, such as funnel cakes, deep fried Oreos, cotton candy, fried pickles, Bison dip and cactus tatters are all intended to be available for students. But, the food is limited so Papson wanted to remind students to get their early.

There will also be music by Bucknell student performers. The student performers will be Beatboxing, Mayday, Juliana Capizzi, Ben Buentello, Violet Grimsley, Griffin Miller, Two Past Midnight, Unwritten and Katie Fonda.

The Fall Fest was rescheduled last year after it was canceled in 2020, at the height

of the COVID-19 pandemic. Because the event is outside, there are no requirements for students to wear a mask.

The scheduled rain date will be held the night before, on Sept. 23. The decision will be made on Thursday on which night it will be held.

“With the current forecast, it looks like it will be Saturday,” Papson said.

And while the planning is the job of the administration, the enjoyment is the job of the students. This year, there is a lot of anticipated enjoyment in the air. First-year Kyla Kelly, who has never been to an official carnival, is looking forward to her first official experience at Fall Fest.

“I am excited and ecstatic to be able to go to a free carnival and spend time with my friends, tie-dye a shirt, and most importantly, not have to worry about school for a night,” Kelly said. Timothy Goodrich ’26, loves carnivals and cannot wait to create yet another lasting memory of college filled with amusement and entertainment.

“Everyone should go because carnivals are fun and awesome,” Goodrich said, “And I cannot wait to eat all the deep-fried Oreos”.

## Fall Fest PROGRAM

05:30 PM **Two Past Midnight**

05:50 PM **Bisonettes**

06:00 PM **Griffin Miller**

06:45 PM **Mayday**

07:30 PM **Sean Kim**

07:50 PM **Unwritten**

08:35 PM **Ben Buentello**

08:55 PM **Katie Fonda**

Sojka Lawn

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## Parents apply to Bucknell after enjoyable Family Weekend

Siobhan Nerz  
Staff Writer

Last weekend, Bucknell families flocked to Lewisburg to enjoy the company of their students. For the entertainment of these visitors, Bucknell held events such as bingo and a historical tour of Lewisburg. Despite the appeal of these riveting options, many parents found themselves at Super. Although these parents were initially hesitant to join in the festivities, they found that after drinking a bottle of surprisingly strong, bitter-tasting "water", they were more open to the idea of socializing downtown. Many started to engage in games and other various youthful activities. Parent Stan Dupp remarked, "Balancing on my hands and drinking from a barrel made me feel young and limber again." Dupp remarks that the "marvelous liquid coming from the barrel," along with the rush of blood to his head, made him feel alive like one of the college students. Other parents were also fitting in with the Bucknellians. Parent Anita Room bonded with her pong partner as they drank their way to victory. Room even arranged plans to spend the next weekend with her new friend and brush up on her skills.

In response to the parents' fun

weekend, administrators have invited parents to apply to the class of 2027. They have even created a new "College Major" that teaches parents how to be college kids. Courses include Hangovers 101 and Sleeping In 211. Furthermore, a graduation requirement for the parents is that they skip at least a third of their courses. Besides classwork, the parents will have other obligations. Since the applicants are already established adults, admissions representative Robyn Banks thinks parents should pay double the tuition of regular students. Furthermore, the parents must apply early decision. In doing this, the parents must attend Bucknell upon acceptance. Administrators are hoping that by filling their class with early decision students, they can lower their acceptance rate. Additionally, administrators believe the admission of parents will solve housing issues. Instead of building more residential buildings for students, the school will make incoming parents stay in their children's dorms.

Overall, Family Weekend was the most successful yet as parents enjoyed their time, and many will be returning to campus next Fall as students.

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## Students who can't sing form Sixth A Capella group

While parents were busy out-drinking their children at Super this past family weekend, another campus event took place that many overlooked — Christy's A Cappella. At this musical performance, Bucknell's six a cappella groups showcased their talents for all to enjoy at the Weis Center. The first five groups to perform (The Silhouettes, Two Past Midnight, Offbeats, Bison Chips, and Beyond Unison) moved the audience to tears with their inspiring renditions of pieces ranging in genre from Mozart's 6th Symphony to Travis Scott's "Sicko Mode". However, the group that put on the most elaborate spectacle was none of the groups listed above. Bucknell's newest a cappella group, the Sharp Pitches, rose to the top of the aca-hierarchy because of one trait that distinguishes them from the other groups: none of the members can actually sing.

Sharp Pitches' motto is "Our notes may be sharp, but so are

we." The members of the group feel that their attractive looks compensate for their lack of musical talent, so only the hottest kids on campus were permitted to join.

In fact, the Sharp Pitches did not even sing any songs during their performance at Christy's! Instead, they strutted across the stage and made Weis their runway while Beyonce's "Fergalicious" played in the background. The spectators were so distracted by the Sharp Pitches' dashing good looks, they completely disregarded the fact that the group had violated the only rule of a cappella by playing their music from a speaker rather than singing themselves.

After the success of their first performance, the Sharp Pitches received hundreds of emails from students who were desperate to join. However, they shared that they had already concluded auditions and were no longer accepting new members. Those accepted

into Sharp Pitches worked extremely hard to obtain their spots, surviving through a grueling two-round audition process.

The first round of auditions was the runway walking portion. To begin, prospective members were rated on how well they could attract attention to themselves as they walked back and forth. Their movements had to be smooth and brisk, as any stumbling resulted in immediate disqualification from the audition.

For the style testing portion, the wannabe Pitches were allotted \$80 each to generate a fashion-forward look using only items from the bookstore. Although most simply purchased a Bucknell sweatshirt and called it a day, only those who expressed creativity advanced to the next round. One such student was sophomore Spango Durango, who used his money to buy 16 packages of Post-It notes and designed his very own recyclable parka.

## Seahorses found missing from Bucknell Pool; Water Polo Team most affected

Maximus Bean  
Satire Content Editor

This past week, the Bucknell Invitational, featuring water-polo matchups between the Bucknell Bison, the John Hopkins University Doctors and the Fordham College Fords, was interrupted by a shocking and unbelievable crime. The prize seahorses that had been so vital for team play were missing from the water. The University Natatorium (or as some may colloquially know it, the University "pool"), held no clues to be found, aside from a small note which read "more oats". This message may forever be a mystery. In the meantime, PSafe is combing every drop of water they could find in an effort to locate the missing animals.

In the meantime though, the University's regular polo team was kind enough to lend some of their gear to try and replace what was lost. Only time will tell how long these land-horses will last when not in their natural element.

Fortunately, time was on the horses' side. They performed well in the first game, netting the University a win against John Hopkins before freaking out in the

second. Many riders from home turf fell from their steeds as the horses made a ruckus, splashing water everywhere.

"Our team did alright," University water polo player Ice Whim said. "We scored a lot of goals, which was cool because the horses gave us a height advantage. It's just that second game threw us off, what with the horses freaking out and everything."

"That second game was awful," another player, Cenik R. Swem said. "I don't know who started the rumor about the mouse, but it wasn't funny! The horses just forgot they were neck deep in water, that's all!"

After some more training with the horses, the University team later won the second day of the Invitational, with two straight wins. It turns out that six full-grown horses in a single swimming pool really can get results. The only question left to ask is, "how did the team get the horses out?" Another mystery for the ages, that is unless horses could climb ladders and nobody knew.

## Engineering student makes popsicle stick bridge, hired immediately

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Senior Writer

As it turns out, those extremely stressful popsicle stick bridges engineering students are always complaining about having to make can actually be useful. For example, Evan Briggs '24 just got offered a full time job at a huge architecture firm after a video of a bridge he made went viral.

The video shows Evan Briggs and his two teammates, Maya Potslich '24 and Wilbur Burns '24, standing around a very intricately designed popsicle stick bridge. Their bridge differs from the competition seen in the background, as there appears to be many more sticks involved in the creation of this bridge than the others and it has yet to be crushed into tiny pieces. The video continues, showing Evan and Wilbur assisting Maya onto standing on top of their wood and glue structure to test its strength before letting her go, allowing her to stand freely on their bridge. Cheers and shouting resound in the background, a mixture of excitement and disappointment when it doesn't

immediately crumble — something that probably happened to most of the competitors. She waits a few seconds before shifting her weight side to side, doing a little wiggle dance, and finally stepping off and onto the floor, the bridge remaining unbroken. Quite an impressive bridge.

The internet thought much the same and many wondered just how the team did it, some others wondering if there was foul play at hand. In response to all the questions and allegations, the professor of the class holding the competition, Professor Rayne Runshner of the Engineering Department, posted a follow up video. In his response Professor Runshner explained the parameters of the bridges for the competition: every bridge had to be at least two feet long, be made of only popsicle sticks and wood glue, and each team was given fifty standard sized craft popsicle sticks. However, teams were allowed more popsicle sticks only if they collected them themselves by eating popsicles and collecting sticks. In the

two weeks allotted for building, Maya and Wilbur ate one hundred popsicles each, granting their team two hundred extra popsicle sticks for their bridge. Therefore executing a perfectly legal strategy.

After the announcement of Evan's job offer, which we have been informed he is seriously considering as it could help him pay off his student loans, we inquired the architecture firm for a statement on why they chose Evan specifically. Evan is certainly a talented future engineer, but he is only a junior in undergrad and his only real work experience has been one internship working with a small construction company. The firm explained, "Evan is extremely talented, having designed and built a bridge with amazing structural stability and an exquisite visual appearance. We'd be delighted to have him working for us. And in terms of a degree, many of our employees don't even use half of what they learned in college for their jobs anyway."

## Students file noise complaint after Library filled with people typing last-minute essays

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Senior Writer

Let's face it, with the amount of work students have, college can be tough. With papers, exams and a never-ending flow of computer science work, it just seems like students are working at all hours of the day. There are many resources available on campus for students who find themselves in this situation. One of these resources is the library's very useful twenty-four hour study room.

Many people find the twenty-four hour study room to be very convenient. I, myself, have used the space and found it highly beneficial, yet somewhat strange in parts. Here is my experience:

I arrived at the library at around 8 p.m. a few nights ago. While most people were out partying on Saturday night, I was trapped in the library trying to

wade my way through my three hundred and fifty pages of reading for class. One hour in, and my eyes started to glaze over. I then looked up from my computer screen and realized that the once empty study room was filled with students, clicking away on my keyboard.

Click click click click click.

At first, the noise was harmless; it was the sound of fingers against computer keys. However, the sound can start to wear on the soul, especially when coupled with the other sounds that the students were making. Out of nowhere, one student shouted, "I'm a genius!" Five seconds later, they said, "Oh wait, no I'm not."

There were also several students who pounded their fists

against their desks. "I could have sworn the antiderivative was  $x^2+3x-8$ !" one student exclaimed.

Another student apparently thought it was okay to have a full on conversation on the phone with their (possibly) ex-boyfriend. "No Brad, pink nail polish is absolutely not a deal breaker. Why are you allowed to have it, but I'm not? This is ridiculous. Ugh."

One student who shall remain nameless was so fed up that they got up out of their chair and stormed out the door. "That's enough," he said, and slammed the door behind him. First thing on Monday morning, there was an email sent by Library Services telling students to be quiet in the study room. Some heroes don't wear capes.



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# STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: GETTING INVOLVED ON CAMPUS AND LOCALLY

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Contributing Writer

Many clubs and organizations on campus contribute to active service work that benefits Bucknell, Lewisburg and other surrounding towns and communities. The volunteer spirit of students reflects Bucknell's mission statement that "students serve the common good and to promote justice in ways sensitive to the moral and ethical dimensions of life." Many of the different service opportunities are looking for more student volunteers. For more information on volunteer work, students can reach out to the Director for Community Service Lynn Pierson. Engaged Bucknell has also been created to notify students of different types of volunteer work through their website.

## LEWISBURG COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Lewisburg Community Garden is a joint project between the town of Lewisburg and Bucknell. The Community Garden is located on the intersection of North Water Street and St. Anthony Street.

Since 2012, the joint project has resulted in thousands of pounds of food produced for donation. Bucknell students were able to produce 3,800 pounds of food that was then donated to local food banks and communities in 2017.

## ALUMNI VOLUNTEER MEMORIES

Speaking with Alumni, many reflected on their time at Bucknell and in particular the volunteer work they did.

"Looking back, the service opportunities I did take at Bucknell were some of my proudest moments at the school, and I regret not doing more of them," Patrick Hanley '22 said. "Service opportunities within the campus community can be found all around, whether that be through classes taken or clubs and groups on campus."

Hanley said that in campus volunteering is the most fun, but the most rewarding is found in the Lewisburg community.

"I recommend any student at Bucknell to get involved in some aspect of volunteering in their time on campus. It builds values and skills while making others smile," Hanley said.

## EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Located in Lewisburg, Evangelical Community Hospital has served student health needs with professional care since its founding in 1954.

Many students volunteer at the hospital and it is a great experience in particular for students pursuing HealthCare related fields.

"In high school and at home I have always participated in volunteer work especially when it relates to plans for my future," Ally Neundorff '24 said. "At school for about almost a year I have volunteered weekly at Evangelical Community Hospital in the emergency department. While I enjoy being able to give back in my free time, I am thankful that at the same time with my plans of going to medical school it is in an environment that gives me exposure to patient interaction and a form of real world experience."

## SNACK PACKS

The Snack Pack program provides twice a month brown bag meals to approximately 250 children in the Lewisburg area.

The goal of this project is to provide quick and easy meals to students that are of lower income in the Lewisburg school systems. Student volunteers along with Bucknell alumni assist in the distribution of these bags and allow for the program to run smoothly.

Assistant Director of Community Sarah Farbo said the most crucial donations for the program are, "gift cards to Giant, Weis, Amazon, etc. so that more nutritious food can be purchased for the bags."

Snack Packs is always looking for more volunteers and donations — interested students should reach out to Sarah Farbo (sef020@bucknell.edu) with any questions.

## BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY FARM

The Bucknell University Farm was built on a successful community garden. Established in 2018, the farm helps address the problem of food insecurity by growing organic produce for the community and supplying the Bucknell student food pantry.

Many students volunteer at the farm for class requirements but find the work so fulfilling that they come back to volunteer with enthusiasm.

"I started volunteering at the farm as a requirement for a class, however, I have continued to work at the farm because I really enjoy it and have had some amazing experiences I have had to have at my university," Elly Squire '23 said. "Working at the Bucknell farm gives me time to get away from the hustle and bustle of daily life at Bucknell and just be with my friends. I love going to Bucknell because of the diverse and unique experiences undergraduate students have here, and I think that the Bucknell farm is a perfect example of that."

The farm is located on the hill above the South Campus Senior Apartments. For more information about volunteering on the farm reach out to Jen Sonnenman Parfiva.

## GREEK LIFE PHILANTHROPY

Greek life at Bucknell makes up 37.9 percent of the student population. Each Greek life organization has a specific philanthropy mission or collaboration that is important to their chapter. The organizations work to raise money through many different activities on campus throughout the semester. Philanthropy chairs of Delta Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega and Sigma Chi chapters were able to share their chapters' values pertaining to volunteer work with The Bucknellian.

The philanthropy organization that the sisters of AXO collaborate with is Transitions, which is a crisis center that provides advocacy, empowerment and education to end the patterns of domestic abuse and violence.

"We are very passionate about working directly with our local Lewisburg women's shelter, Transitions of Pennsylvania," Philanthropy Chair for AXO Emilie Tristano '24 said. "We work very closely with Lisa Eroh, the director of Transitions on various fundraisers, educational opportunities, and outreach programs to provide care and services to survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault."

The willingness to get engaged and volunteer is also reflected by other sororities at Bucknell.

Delta Gamma's national philanthropy is Service for Sight and they work locally in support of that initiative and to raise money for the organization. "Ever since high school I have always had a passion for volunteering," Victoria Hall '24, a frequent volunteer in the Lewisburg community and member of Delta Gamma, said. "It is how I gained some of my closest friends and learned some of the most important life lessons. Coming to college I wanted to continue my enthusiasm for helping others."

Hall volunteers at other places in Lewisburg as well, one of her favorites being Elmcroft — a local senior living community.

"A special activity I do there is paint the women's nails and play board games with them. Being able to have conversations with them and learn about their history is something that has become very special to me," Hall said.

Her devotion to volunteering is what led her to become the head of philanthropy for her sorority.

"This experience has enabled me and my sisters to become more involved in the Bucknell community. Volunteering has become a large part of my life and I think it's an activity that can be really enjoyable for anyone," Hall said.

Fraternities are also involved in volunteer work.

The philanthropy of Sigma Chi is the Huntsman Cancer Foundation, which aids in the research and treatment of cancer.

Through a week-long event called Derby Days, the brothers of Sigma Chi engage in events with sorority members to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. This year in particular was successful, with Sigma Chi raising more than \$110,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation.

"I think Derby Days really captures the attention of the entire Bucknell community," Nicholas Spurduto '24, philanthropy chair of Sigma Chi, said. "It is a full week of fun through competition and games, but more importantly it is a time to reflect and support all of those people who have been impacted by cancer. As a chapter we definitely aim to raise as much money as possible, but I think the ultimate goal is to spread awareness, be part of a force for good, and remind people that they are not alone in the fight."

These three Greek life organizations are just a few examples of the philanthropic and volunteer work that fraternities and sororities do on campus.



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## Water polo concludes their home invitational 3-1

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Over the weekend, the Bucknell men's water polo team hosted a home invitational at Kinney Natatorium.

The Bison faced off against Johns Hopkins, Fordham, McKendree and Wagner, finishing off the invitational with a record of three wins and one loss.

On Saturday, the first matchup was Bucknell versus Johns Hopkins. The Bison came out with a strong start to the invitational, dominating the Blue Jays for a 15-7 victory.

Around the seven minute mark of the first quarter, Hasan Mogultay '25 scored the first point of the match, but within seconds the Blue Jays responded. The Bison didn't let this tied score bog them down; instead, they picked up the momentum and dominated the rest of the quarter.

Andu Vlasceanu '24, Aleksa Stefanovic '26 and Jack Lewis '23 went on to score three unanswered goals before the first quarter ended, gaining a 4-1 lead.

The scoring continued for the Bison in the next three quarters, pushing Bucknell to a 5-3 lead in the second quarter, a 9-4 lead at the 6:04 mark of the third quarter and three straight goals in the opening of the fourth quarter to

clinch the win. Throughout this game, eight different players contributed goals, with Vlasceanu leading with five.

Unfortunately for the Orange and Blue, the second game on Saturday against Fordham didn't go their way. Both teams came ready for a battle, keeping the game close in score.

The Bison came out firing in the first quarter with goals from Shay Gillearn '25, Vlasceanu, and Stefanovic, putting the Bison at a 3-0 lead. However, the momentum changed in the second half of the first quarter, when Fordham struck back with three goals of their own. Most of the match, the score was a one point difference, and heading into halftime the teams were tied.

Eventually, going into the fourth quarter, both teams were tied until the Rams found the back of the cage three times in a row, taking a 9-6 lead. The Bison managed to add one more point before the game ended, but still endured a 10-7 loss.

On Sunday, the Bison concluded the invitational with a clean sweep, defeating both McKendree and Wagner with scores of 8-7 and 11-9.

Battling out their third game of the weekend, the Bison came back



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from behind to beat McKendree. After the first quarter of the game, the score was tied 2-2 with goals from Stefanovic and Doruk Ozar '24. However, the second quarter was dry for the Bison as they fell behind to a 4-2 deficit.

One minute into the third quarter, Vlasceanu scored two much needed points for the Bison, only 30 seconds apart. After the 2:48 mark of the third quarter, the Bison held the lead for the rest of the match with big points scored by Gillearn, Ethan Jones '25 and Vlasceanu. Throughout the entire invitational, Vlasceanu has been a key player, contributing many tallies to the scoreboard.

Entering the final game of the invitational against Wagner, the Bison held a record of 2-1, and came into the match-up determined to win. The Bison successfully overpowered Wagner to clinch their third win with a score of 11-9.

Bucknell started the game strong with a 4-2 lead after the first quarter, and later extended that lead to 6-2 in the second quarter. Within the first half of the game, Stefanovic scored three crucial penalty shots. However, late in the second quarter, the Seahawks began to close the gap, only down 7-5.

Most of the third quarter was a defensive battle, but the Bison pushed through and took a small lead of 8-7 heading into the fourth quarter. Closing the game strong, Gillearn, Stefanovic and Mogultay buried three unanswered goals.

## Bucknell Football traveled to Central Michigan

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The Bison traveled to Central Michigan University for their match this past weekend. This Bison held Central Michigan off and the game remained scoreless throughout the first quarter. In the last five minutes of the second quarter, the Chippewas scored a touchdown and continued on this fiery streak for the rest of the game.

Bucknell came close to putting points on the board in a 10-play, 42-yard drive but fell short of the mark.

Safety Brent Jackson '23 matched his career high with 12 tackles and two pass breakups. Rushawn Baker '25 made a team high by running thirty-one yards on eight attempts. Alex Smith Jr. '25 had an interception and Gavin Pringle '23 made five tackles and three pass break ups.

"It was a good game in the first half," Pringle said. "We held our own against a team that no one thought we could compete with. As a team we have a lot to work on and we will use this week to prepare ourselves for league play."

The Orange and Blue will play in their first Patriot League game of the season on October 1 at their home turf. You can stream the live stats off of the Bucknell Bison Football page and watch the game remotely on ESPN+.

## Upcoming Events

### Field Hockey

- vs. Lafayette 9/23 7PM

### Women's Golf

- vs. Bucknell Invitational 9/24 All Day

### Women's Rowing

- vs. Georgetown 9/24 9AM

### Women's Soccer

- vs. Colgate 9/24 12PM

### Volleyball

- vs. Holy Cross 9/24 4PM



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## Men's Golf travels to Plymouth Meeting

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Bucknell men's golf headed to Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, this weekend for the Cornell/Temple Fall Invite.

The two-day, 36-hole tournament featured fifteen different schools, highlighted by Rhode Island, Temple and the University of Pennsylvania.

The Bison came out red hot after day one, led by a first round 67 by Blake Wisdom '23. Wisdom lit up The 1912 Club on day one, carding five birdies and an eagle, leaving him one shot short of the lead after 18 holes. They tallied in a team score of 287 for the day and sat in fifth place halfway through the tournament.

"The first round 67 was a great feeling going into day two," Wisdom said. "We tried to go into round two with a confident mentality that we could chase down the team in the lead."

Unfortunately, Wisdom and the rest of the crew found less success on day two, as the team finished with a score of 303 and dropped to

ninth place out of fifteen. The final score was 590 (+30). Wisdom was able to card another eagle on day two, but his swing wasn't the same as he shot 75 on day two, dropping him to T9 (+2) out of 84 competitors for the weekend.

James Key '26 was able to contribute on day two, as he was the low Bison on the day with a score of 74. Key was able to snag a T51 finish (+9).

Wisdom certainly loved the opening round 67 as well as the great play for the rest of his teammates, but is aware of the latter mistakes that cost them in the end.

"We learned a lot this weekend, and we saw a lot of great golf as well as a lot of mistakes," he said. "We're going to bring that into practice this week to try to make sure we don't make those mistakes again."

The Bison head to New Haven, Conn. next weekend for the MacDonald Cup at Yale University, as Wisdom hopes to lead his teammates into sharper play as the season goes on.

## Bison Field Hockey wins first Patriot League Game

**Brooke Tracey**  
Contributing Writer

After spending the previous weekend at home, the Bison Field Hockey Team traveled to New England to begin Patriot League play. The Orange and Blue secured their first league-win on Sept 17, against Holy Cross, followed by a shootout loss to Providence College on Sept. 18.

The Bison came out hungry against the Holy Cross Crusaders, getting on the board in the first minute of the game off of a Kari Melberger '24 goal. Just ninety-two seconds later, Noor Kaur '23 netted the Bison's second goal, securing the lead. Both goals were results of penalty corners, which the Bison have capitalized on multiple times so far this season.

The Orange and Blue entered half time leading 2-0, and after returning to the pitch, continued to fight. With under five minutes left in the third quarter, rookie Gianna Puorro '26 scored her second goal of the season to secure the Bison victory. The Crusaders were eventually able to get on the board in the fourth quarter, but this was not enough to outscore the Bison. The Orange and Blue left Holy Cross with a 3-1 victory, starting Patriot League play at 1-0.

The Bison made their way to Rhode Island on Sunday to face off against the

Providence College Friars. Both teams fought hard throughout regulation, overtime, and even a shootout, but the Friars narrowly took the lead. The first half was very defense-heavy, with both teams keeping each other off of the scoreboard.

It was not until two minutes into the third quarter that the Friars capitalized on a penalty corner. The Bison were relentless, however, and continued to press in the attack. Less than three minutes into the fourth quarter, Lily Neilson '25 slotted the ball from the top of the circle, evening the score. The match soon entered overtime, where the Bison outshot the Friars 7-5. Even so, the game went into a shootout where the Friars came out on top.

Despite the tough loss to end the weekend, Tallulah Fuhs '25 acknowledged how happy the team is with the way they competed. "We seem to be mending together and starting to work like a unit to dominate other teams. The team atmosphere is full of motivating and uplifting spirits," Fuhs said.

The Bison will return to Lewistown this coming weekend, facing Patriot-League opponent Lafayette on Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. followed by Drexel on Sept. 25 at 12 p.m.





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## Bison Men's Soccer goes 0-2 this past week

Lea Tarzy  
Contributing Writer

Bucknell men's soccer faced off at home on Emmitt Field against Saint Francis on Wednesday.

The visiting Red Flash scored a goal just nine minutes in to go up 1-0 early in the game, but Jordan Miller '24 scored for the Bison in the twelfth minute to bring the score to a tie. The goal occurred when a free kick for the Bison was initially cleared away, but MJ Kuczura '24 won the second ball with a header to put it back in a dangerous area. Miller then headed the ball to the ground and kicked it by the goalie to tie up the game.

The Red Flash found the back of the net once more before the half, then twice more in the second half to bring the final score to 4-1. Nevertheless, the Bison men continued to apply high pressure and work both off and on the ball. Bucknell led in shots 13-12 as well as corner kicks (8-1). The Bison also maintained possession for much of the game, continuing to get chances. Towards the end of the second half, the

Bison hit the crossbar twice and even scored, but the goal was not counted due to a close offside call.

"Our St. Francis match is another game that goes to show that our team has a ton of potential," defender Matt Owusu '24 said. "We can play, and we can compete, but we are missing that killer instinct that we must cultivate in order to sustain shutouts and increase our goal differential."

The team faced off again on Saturday night, this time against Navy in their Patriot League opener.

Navy went up about 25 minutes in the first half. The Bison continued to press and get chances, but suffered a serious disadvantage towards the end of the half. In the forty-first minute Eddie Perez-Peleaz '23 worked back to defend a Navy player on a breakaway in the box and was shown a red card as a result of breaking up a clear goal-scoring opportunity. As a result, the Bison played a man down (just 10 players on the field, to Navy's

11) for more than half of the game. The score at halftime was 1-0 in favor of Navy.

In the eighty-fourth minute, Navy was afforded a penalty kick as a result of a Bison defender pushing down a visiting player in the 18-yard box. The PK was buried to bring the final score to 2-0 in favor of the visiting team.

"It was definitely another tough loss—another game where we had many chances but couldn't put them away," Brennan Gac '24 said. "We had an unlucky red card late in the first half, so we played more than half the game with a man down. And still, we created a lot of chances in the second half but just couldn't get the job done. We're a resilient team with lots of heart and fight, so we'll keep moving forward. Change is coming, and I have a lot of confidence in this group to start getting some points."

The Bison men look ahead to their next matchup against American this week for the second game of their Patriot League conference play.

## A weekend of kills for Bison Volleyball

Lea Tarzy  
Contributing Writer

Bucknell Women's Volleyball proved superior in their first weekend of Patriot League play while hosting Lehigh and Lafayette in Davis Gym.

The Bison drove a three-set sweep against Lehigh University (25-16, 26-24, 25-16) with Sarina Singer '23 leading the team with 14 kills while hitting a stellar .545 hitting average and Bri Frazilus '26 placing 11 kills for the team.

Overall, Bucknell hit a season-best of .282 in the

match and out killed Lehigh 44-27. Following a sturdy match against Lehigh, the Bison continued league play against Lafayette on Sunday. In the team's second sweep of the weekend (25-20, 25-20, 25-18) Bucknell posted a .293 hitting average with Bucknell allowing Lafayette a .079.

"This weekend the team came in with a super competitive, 'win at all costs' mentality, which really helped us secure those wins," Frazzles said. "There wasn't just one person who was scoring points, everyone was

working hard to make the next person's job easier and it all came together."

Bucknell saw huge runs amongst the matches, leaving the leopards in their place. Throughout the match, Jordan Hardy '25 accounted for 21 of the team's 52 digs, Catherine Jamison '24 provided the team with 10 kills and Allie Lopez '24 put down eight kills and two block assists for a .636 hitting percentage.

The Leopards certainly couldn't find a path to outrun the Bison.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Andu Vlasceanu '23

## Profile

### Sport

Water Polo

### Position

Attacker

### Hometown

Bucarest, Romania

### High School

Liceul Teoretic "Nicolae

Lorga" Bucuresti



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Caleb Wooten  
Contributing Writer

The Bucknell men's water polo team had an impressive weekend, with an overall record of 3-1 at the Bucknell Invitational, largely due to the contributions of star attacker senior Andu Vlasceanu.

Vlasceanu had an amazing scoring weekend, tallying 12 goals over the course of the four games. One of these games included a dominant 5 goal game in a convincing win over Johns Hopkins.

When reflecting on the weekend, the senior felt that this weekend was extremely good for the young group.

"We have a very talented team and I think we can do well but right now we're still learning about each other," Vlasceanu said. "I think we are starting to figure things out, and when we do, I know we will be even better when it matters most."

This team has historically been at the top of the MAWPC, winning a championship as recently as 2019. Andu was a key contributor to that group, as he was named the MAWPC Rookie of the Year, and has only built off of that success since then.

The success of the Bison this year will largely depend on play from Vlasceanu, as

he has consistently been one of the best players in the league since he arrived in Lewisburg. The multiple time MAWPC First-Team selection has been at the forefront of the program for years, and he seems poised to make an even bigger impact.

"We all have the goal of winning the championship; we all want to win, but I want to have an even bigger impact than I did last year. I want to help my team in any way possible, even if it doesn't mean scoring a lot of goals. If I can just do my job, it'll be perfect," he said.

The Bucknell men's water polo team has a big weekend coming up, as they have four more games in what looks to be an action packed weekend.

"I liked how we were fighting until the end and built chemistry more and more each game," Vlasceanu said. "We want to go into this weekend with the right mentality and dominate the games we play."

The Orange and Blue will compete in Erie, PA, this upcoming weekend, facing Salem and McKendree on Saturday and Mercyhurst and Gannon on Sunday.

## Women's Golf Makes Solid Connection this Weekend

Clara McCormick  
Sports Content Editor

The Bison women's golf team attended the Nittany Lion Invitational this past weekend in Happy Valley, PA.

On the first day of play, the Orange and Blue posted team scores of 307 and 311, with four scores in the 70s both rounds.

Kayla Yi '24 tied her career low with a 75. The junior (75-79) joined her twin sister, Kelsey Yi '24 (77-77) and Tara Thomas '25 (78-76) at 154. This score resulted in a tie for fifty-third place, which is a success at such a competitive invitational.

Paige Richter '26 shot a 77-79, and sophomore Viveka Kurup '25 shot 82-81.

On day two, the Bison found further success. Richter contributed a 3-over-par 75, Kelsey Yi a 76, and Kayla Yi and Thomas both contributed 77s.

Kelsey Yi was the low for the entire weekend, with a 230 total. Her twin, Richter and Thomas all finished at 231.

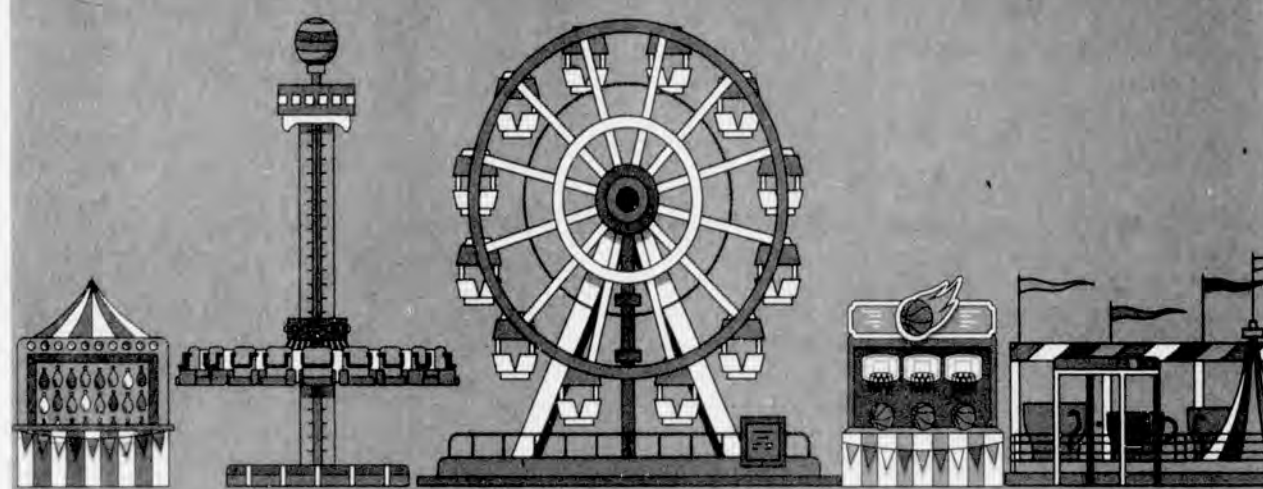
Bucknell achieved sixteenth place, with Penn State taking first, as they had home advantage. The 923 team total over 54 holes was quite an accomplishment for the Bison, as it was the fourth-best in team history, and second-best as a visiting team.

"It was a great weekend overall," Morgan Sohosky '23 said. "Although we didn't place where we had hoped, our team had strong scores. We're looking forward to the next few tournaments."

Women's golf will compete at home this weekend, hosting the Bucknell Invitational at the Bucknell Golf Club.

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# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### A Tennis Legend Retires

Kaylee Donnelly  
Senior Writer

At 41 years old, famous Swiss tennis player Roger Federer announced his retirement on Sept. 15.

It doesn't come as a shock, considering his age and time in the sport, but to those who have grown up around sports in the twenty-first century, the name Roger Federer has become synonymous with the sport of tennis.

Federer won his first grand slam in 2003, one of the early years of his professional career. It was after this brilliant start did Federer go on to be the first man to ever win seven straight major titles, including the 2003 Wimbledon, 2004 Australian Open, 2004 Wimbledon, 2004 U.S. Open, 2005 Wimbledon, 2005 U.S. Open and 2006 Australian Open.

In 2005, just a few years after his debut, Federer was more successful than almost any player that had succeeded him. He won 11 tournaments on the ATP Tour, including the U.S. Open and Wimbledon.

Federer was also the first man to achieve 20 grand slam titles, as well as having played the greatest number of grand slam matches overall at 369 matches. He holds the record for eight Wimbledon

titles, and played the most Wimbledon matches overall at 429 matches.

In total, he leaves tennis with 103 total titles as well as having spent 310 weeks as the world number one.

But it wasn't just his tennis skills that went appreciated. For 17 years straight, Federer has won the fans' favorite award at the end-of-year Associates of Tennis Professionals.

Federer said he does not leave the sport lightly.

After suffering a knee injury in 2019, he had been struggling to reclaim the body and skill he had before. In an attempt to return, the tennis star had undergone three surgeries, but failed to return back to his previous greatness. Federer says he recognizes when it's time to call it quits, stating that he knows his body's capabilities and is definitely done with the sport.

But Federer does not leave the sport without a slew of competitors behind him.

Already, Novak Djokovic has surpassed his 310 weeks at number one, spending 373 weeks on top of the leaderboard. Djokovic has 21 major titles, and remains the only player to

have beaten Federer at all four majors. Rafael Nadal, another contender, spent 210 weeks at number one and has 22 major titles.

Younger blood has now entered the mix as well. Carlos Alcaraz, a 19 year old Spanish player, is currently ranked number one in the world. He has won six ATP Tour Singles titles, including the most recent 2022 U.S. Open. His potential is one to look out for.

With Serena Williams playing one of her last matches this past month, it is sad to see such legends leave the sport. Federer assures he will not be returning to the sport, unlike other stars returning post-retirement like Williams or Tom Brady.

The Laver Cup in London will be Federer's last appearance in ATP tournaments, and he will no longer participate in the Grand Slams or circuit tournaments.

His 24-year career will definitely remain a fantastic one in the books. Federer's play has been a constant in the lives of sports fans for many years, and his play will continue to be remembered for many years to come.



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## Women's Soccer loses Patriot League opener 4-0

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Navy hosted the Bison women's soccer team on Sept. 16 — both teams have been predicted to do fairly well in the Patriot League this year.

The Bison offense put pressure on Navy's defenders early on in the match. One of the first big plays came from Tessa Deda '25 who set Rylee Donaldson '23 up for a shot on the right side of the goal that just missed the goal and bounced off the left post. However, moments after this attempt, Navy was able to score their first goal and take the lead.

Navy's second goal came in the twenty-eighth minute. Keeper Jenna Hall '24 was able to make a diving save to prevent Navy's attempt but Navy's Jenna Daunt found the loose ball and tapped the ball in.

Hall was able to keep the game 2-0 for the rest of the first half.

Donaldson came out strong in the second half, nearly scoring a minute in. Donaldson's left footed shot was stopped by Navy's goalie with a diving save. Again, later on, Donaldson setup Paige Temple '25 with a cross from the end line that ended up wide of the goal.

Navy was able to push the lead to 4-0 on two different counter attacks.

Despite being unable to gain a lead, the Bison spent a lot of time in the box, forcing many shots on Navy's keeper. They finished with 14 shots on goal, and 10 in the second half.

Despite the tough loss, the Bison are keeping their heads high as they look to improve their record Wednesday as they face American at home.

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# Serena Williams: A limitless legacy

Caroline Hendrix

Senior Writer

Serena Williams is the greatest tennis player of all time, and here's why.

As Williams played her last match at the 2022 US Open earlier this month, I wanted to investigate what she did for the game, its players and its fans. This investigation starts in her earlier days and ends at present-day.

Williams claims to have first touched a racquet before the age of three. Her tennis journey began so young and alongside her older sister Venus. Williams owes her early growth to Venus before her professional career had begun.

In her Vogue essay, she explained that she was not playing well enough to play in some of the tournaments that Venus was in but still traveled with her and used Venus' mistakes on the court as learning experiences to improve her own game. She notes a unique experience of being able to learn from mistakes without making them herself in those early days.

This, coupled with the commitment that she has made to the game, has transformed it forever. The Washington Post describes two major ways in which Serena's career has and will be transformative: through her talent and character.

A lot of her greatness lies in the fact that Williams has unmatched talent on the court. Her six US Open singles titles and 23 grand slam titles, a record in the open era, speaks to that talent. The Washington Post explained that Williams and her sister Venus challenged the "serve-and-volley era of women's tennis," as their refined mechanics and technique allowed them to use serves as a way to win points rather than solely start them.

The New York Times talks additionally about their use of an open-stance backhand, a swing or drive volley, early opening of the backhand, and going after second serves that elevated their game to the top. The ability for Serena and Venus to hone in on these skills and use them to win is also what changed the

standards for other players who then had to adapt in order to compete.

Williams' character on the court as someone who can use passion to their advantage created a game that captivated watchers. Tennis World USA deems Serena's last match as the most watched in ESPN history with a whopping 4.8 million viewers.

As the New York Post puts it, "No one wanted to let her go." They are watching for the skill and the wins that back it, but they are also watching for Serena herself. In her Vogue essay, Serena explains that "thanks to opportunities afforded to [her], women athletes feel that they can be themselves on the court. They can play with aggression and pump their fists. They can be strong yet beautiful."

Serena's fans watch her matches for this energy along with the power that she owns and proves through her wins. I think that this trailblazing for other women into the game and into other sports is what makes her the greatest

because the impact of her career is felt beyond her majors and her technique. A great player impacts other players, the game and even other games: Serena has done just that.

What other professionals have said about her impact substantiates this point. A Washington Post article captures Chanda Rubin's description of how Serena has transformed the way in which Black women value themselves in the sport and in contracts, explaining Serena as "owning her value" and "[setting] the market."

Coco Gauff similarly has taken away from Serena's career a desire to "not settle for less" as Serena pushed the boundaries of tennis and what it means to be a Black woman in the sport. Naomi Osaka categorizes herself as a "product" of how Serena's work has brought so many people to the sport that had not previously been represented.

What other players owe to Serena speaks to the legacy that she has left throughout

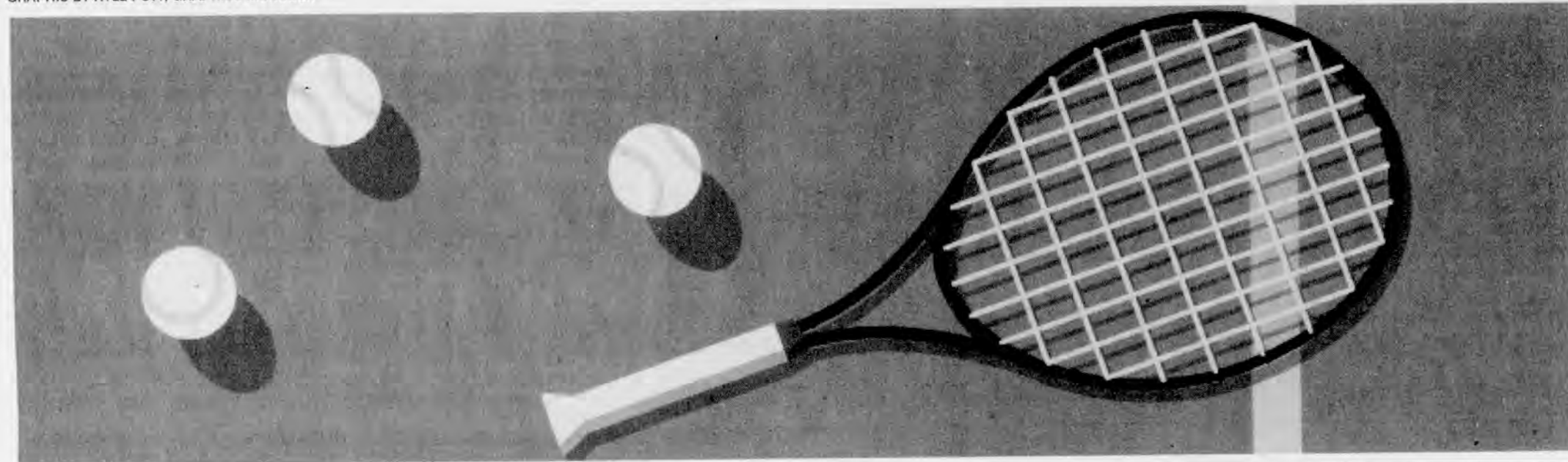
her career and to a portion of what that legacy will be following her retirement.

Serena is the greatest tennis player of all time because her technique and drive has elevated the game and those who engage with it. So while Williams is "evolving" away from her tennis career as she puts it, the work that she has put into refining her skill and creating a space that welcomes women and people of color remains.

Her Vogue essay talks about a conflict between wanting to continue playing tennis and wanting to focus on other areas of her life, including her family and growing her company Serena Ventures. She talks about being ready for whatever comes next, and I could not agree more.

What Williams has done for tennis and the people engaging with the game is unmatched, and if her impact on the sport is any indication of what she can do for other industries and spaces, then I suggest we all keep a close watch on her next steps.

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## My thoughts on the 2022 Emmy Awards

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Next to the Academy Awards and the Venice Film Festival, The Emmy Awards is the longest-anticipated event for myself and my family every year. I tend to ignore the "health and wellness" critics who claim that mind-numbing television is an immediate accelerant to disease, weight gain and a dramatic loss of brain cells. In my home, television promotes family bonding, creates a space to experience an hour of a drastically different life and general excitement for the release date of new seasons and series. I always welcome peoples' TV show recommendations and am never not delighted to offer opinions of my own; who doesn't love escapism?

On Sept. 12 of this year, the Seventy-Fourth Primetime Emmy Awards aired on NBC and highlighted the most popular series of the year such as "Succession," "Ted Lasso" and "The White Lotus." The event was filled with many memorable moments: John Legend's heartfelt performance of his new song "Pieces" for the memorial ceremony, Lizzo's first Emmy win for "Lizzo's Watch Out for the Big Grrrls," Jennifer Coolidge's hilarious acceptance speech for her "White Lotus" performance and Jimmy Kimmel's controversial announcement

tactic. Although there were some questionable choices made, the beautiful moments definitely came out on top.

I wanted to first turn our attention to the red carpet; I'd be lying if I said that red carpet fashion isn't my main motivation for turning on every award show. Zendaya's custom black Valentino ball gown won the night, and it looked even better onstage when she accepted her Emmy for Euphoria (Lead Actress in a Drama Series). Angela Bassett also stunned audiences with her perfectly tailored yellow sequined Dolce and Gabbana dress, as did Lily James in her metallic Versace number. James's performance in "Pam and Tommy" is what has made me recommend the show dozens of times over.

The first onstage moment I need to highlight is Jennifer Coolidge's acceptance speech. Her award for Best Supporting Actress in "The White Lotus" was Coolidge's first Emmy win, and I could not have been more thrilled to witness this history being made. Her performances never fail to put a smile on my face, and although her speech was cut short, she received the utmost support of every fellow actor in the room.

"I just want to say I took a lavender bath tonight, right

before the show, and it made me swell up inside my dress and I'm having a hard time speaking," Coolidge joked at the beginning of her speech, before dancing along to her send off music.

The equally chaotic and comedic energy of this acceptance speech will live on as one of the most iconic in The Emmy Awards' history.

In continued "girl power" fashion, Lizzo picked up her first Emmy for Outstanding Competition Program for her show "Lizzo's Watch Out For The Big Grrrls."

"When I was a little girl, all I wanted to see was me in the media. Someone fat like me. Black like me. Beautiful like me. If I could go back and tell little Lizzo something, I would be like, 'You're going to see that person, but bitch, it's going to have to be you,'" Lizzo revealed as she accepted her award in tears and spoke to the importance of representation in the media.

Her speech was beyond powerful, giving young girls (especially young girls of marginalized communities) the confidence to fulfill their goals, as well as the hope that they too can one day earn a highly sought-after accolade for their achievements.

It would be criminal to recap the night without including

perhaps the most iconic moment (maybe in Emmy history): Sheryl Lee Ralph's Emmy win for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series — "Abbott

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Elementary." At 65 years old, this was Sheryl Lee Ralph's first nomination and win. After her years of contribution to the industry, it was incredibly inspiring to finally see Ralph recognized the way she has always deserved to be. The power of her speech was evident from the start, as she asserted that she had a "speech prepared since I was five years old."

Her acceptance speech was paired with an emotional performance from Ralph herself, when she sang a verse from jazz singer Diane Reeves' 1993 song "Endangered Species." Poignant, powerful, and history-making, as Ralph is only the second Black woman to win the Outstanding Supporting Actress Emmy. If you haven't seen her acceptance speech and performance, you must watch it today.

Lastly, it's time to honor the king of Hollywood himself, Michael Keaton. Keaton has been involved in some seriously iconic projects ("The Trial of the Chicago 7," "Frasier," and "30 Rock" to name a few), but for this year's Emmy Awards he was honored as Lead Actor in Limited Anthology series for his performance in the Hulu drama "Dopesick." His acceptance speech was censored, as he told his "true believers" "I f\*\*\*\*\* love you." The actor recalled the days of his childhood when he would recreate television scenes for his family, and how TV had the power to bring his family closer. He closed by thanking, "...all those people in my family for never making me feel foolish because I went on to do that several times myself."



# Let's Have A Toast For Runaway: The Greatest Song Of All Time

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Contributing Writer

It's Friday night. You're in a humid room packed with what seems to be the entire student body. Your ears are ringing from the booming music to the point where you can't hear what the person directly next to you is saying. Suddenly, the song changes, and the sound of a piano riff emits from the speaker. "Look at ya, look at ya, look at ya."

Kanye (Ye) West, a rapper and entrepreneur, dropped "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy" in 2010 after booking a studio for twenty-four hours a day in Honolulu, Hawaii. Noah Callahan-Bever, Editor and Chief of "Complex", visited Kanye while he was recording the album, and he shared in an interview that, "West never slept a full night at the glass-enclosed mansion he had rented, opting instead to take power naps in a studio chair or couch 90 minutes at a time." Kanye didn't hastily prepare this album. He created thirteen tracks, eight of which are between five and nine minutes long.

After incessant hours of recording, "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy" was born. Out of all the tracks on the album, one in particular showed fans a side to West they have never quite seen before: vulnerability. The eight minute and twenty-eight second masterpiece, "Runaway," created in collaboration with Pusha T, gave the listeners insight into the current struggles Ye was facing not only in his career, but in his personal life.

West alluded to issues in his love life in the following lyric: "Never was much of a romantic. I could never take the intimacy." This lyric unpacks quite an intimate detail of his struggles with relationships, which listeners have never heard in his music before.

West said in an interview with "Access Hollywood" that he was "interested in making a song that the average person could relate to, as he perceived himself as someone who identified with the average person." Sharing personal struggles through his lyrics allowed Ye to develop a deeper connection with his fans.

"Runaway" transformed the music industry with its iconic piano riff intro and three minute and forty-one second outro. No matter how loud a room is, the intro has the ability to captivate all attention. A distinguishing characteristic of the song is its versatile mood. Whether you are at a party chanting "let's have a toast for the scumbags!" or simply at your desk humming along to the intro, "Runaway" fits any mood.

It's all about what mood you are looking to channel from it. Moreover, the song's message is one that many can resonate with. Ye concludes the piece with, "Baby I got a plan, run away as fast as you can." In other words, the struggles West was facing made him want to runaway with hopes of escaping from society and it's many d\*\*\*\*s. Twenty-four seven-three sixty five, "Runaway" is on my mind. And it should be on yours too.



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# Is the mailroom overworked?

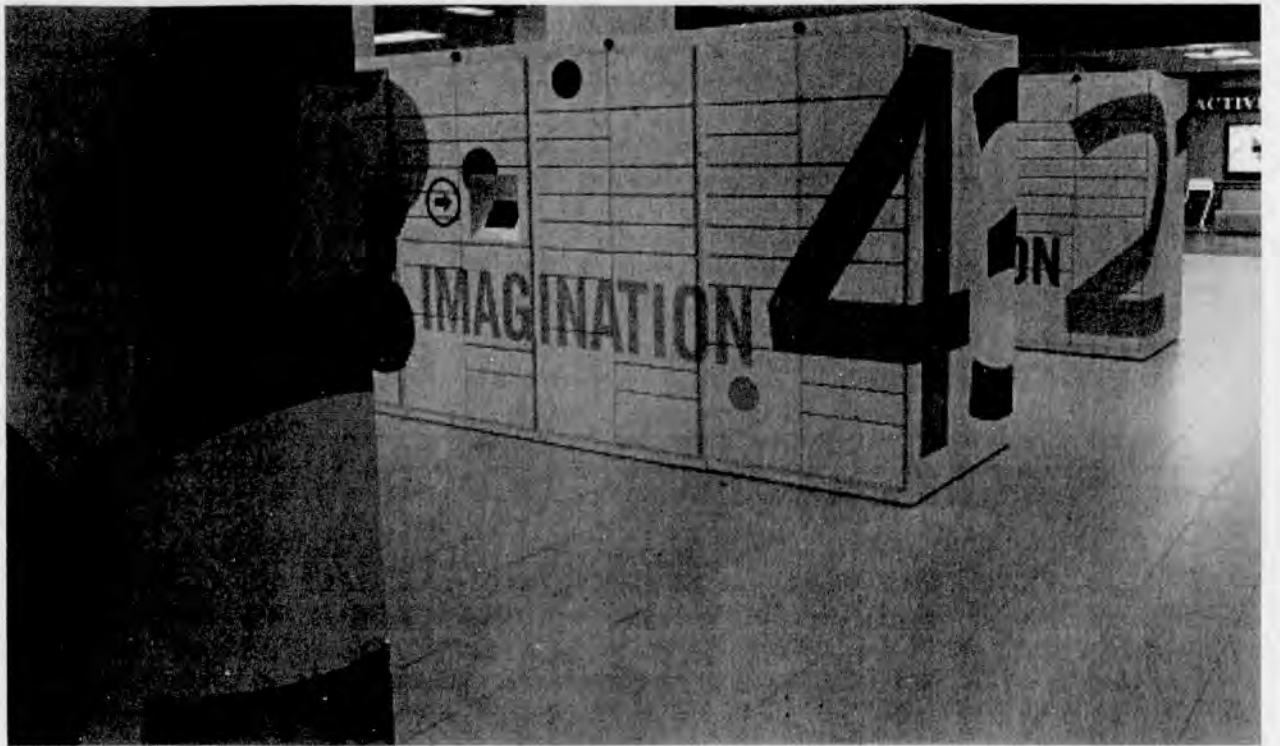


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Kelsey Werkheiser & Harley Marks

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Finally, the email you've been waiting for arrives in your inbox: "You have a package in locker...", from Bucknell Student Mail. Is there any greater thrill?

Students can start sending their packages to campus on August 1st, weeks before classes are in session. This can be beneficial for students who would prefer to have packages, such as school supplies or things for their dorm, waiting for them when they arrive, alleviating some of the hassle of moving. This can be especially helpful for students who are coming from farther distances, who may not have as much space for moving their belongings in their travels.

But this preemptive influx at the mailroom can create a build-up of packages, and there's only so many lockers that the workers can fill. At the start of the 2022 Fall semester, that's exactly what happened, and numerous students experienced delays in receiving their package as a result. Did ordering ahead of time really give them an advantage?

In an age of rapid and abundant consumerism, what does this mean for the student

employees of the mailroom?

"Just from the year in which I worked in the mail room, it was made clear that over consumption is an evident problem at Bucknell," said former mailroom employee Bernie Maramis, '24, as she reflected on her experience.

Fast fashion companies frequently drive high consumerism rates, drawing customers in with their low costs made possible by low quality products, as well as their underpaid workers. Consumers of fast fashion are often aware of these working conditions that go into making these products, but turn a blind eye for the sake of low prices, in the name of fashion.

"Even with its discreet packaging, I was able to tell a Shein package from a mile away — and there were so many Shein packages. The influx of Zara, Aritzia, and Princess Polly packages that we would receive in one week was quite overwhelming, and honestly very eye-opening to how much students at Bucknell over consume fast fashion," said Maramis.

With companies offering student discounts, such as Amazon's 50% price cut on Prime and an automatic 15% off Target carts, it's no wonder that there's a constant

flow of packages into the mailroom. TikTok and Instagram are two additional platforms that do nothing but push product and pressure sales. With 60% of TikTok's users being Gen Zers, and with 33 million of Instagram's users being in the age group as well, college students seem to be the most susceptible to the pressures of overconsuming cheap and trendy items.

The reason for the packages overcrowding the mailroom is irrelevant; a load of Bucknellians either have shopping addictions or unlocking those mailboxes is simply too fun. Especially with the mailroom's early opening before classes begin, we need to make a conscientious effort to distinguish between ordering items that are necessary for the school year, and ordering environmentally harmful fast fashion pieces.

The fact is: we need to find a solution. Is it fair to set limits on how many packages can be ordered per month for each student? This is unlikely, but there must be some other way to make a change.

So for the avid environmentalists and passionate Bucknellians out there who want reform, I ask you this: what will you do to help curb your consumption?

# Tip your bartenders

Ricky Rodriguez  
Contributing Writer

You know when it's Friday night, you're getting ready with your girlies and everything seems to be going right. Your makeup is popping, your outfit compliments every single part of you and your main objective for the night is to have fun; to enjoy every precious moment with your precious friends; to put all the BS to the side and shake it the way it was meant to be

shaken. But then, you lose your ID. Your sneaky link isn't answering your texts. Your friend left you at Bull Run and you literally don't know what's going on. We've all had those nights...we've all been victims of bar-induced anxiety and the unfortunate environment that is created when the majority of 21+ Bucknell students fill a tiny bar.

What you decide to do with that frustration, anxiety and overall unpleasantness is what matters; and let me tell you,

bartenders are the last people that deserve to be projected on by obnoxious people.

Yes, being cute at the bar is cute. Spending time with your friends and wanting to make the most of your time out is valid; we're all young and deserve to experience genuine laughter — especially in the middle of nowhere. However, we all have to keep in mind the inherently stressful environment of a bar — more specifically a bar catering to the drunken needs of people that

don't know how to say please and thank you sober — much less while intoxicated.

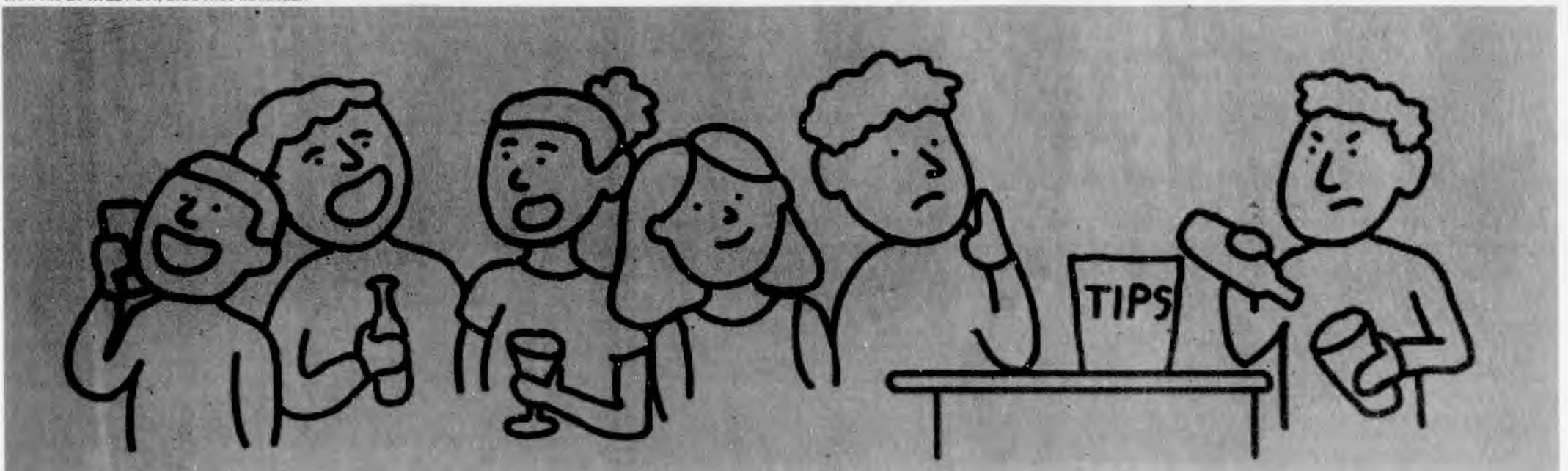
Even when we don't focus on the respect for others lacking in the brains of our peers, shifting our focus to the compensation residents within Lewisburg/PA receive for their labor is also important. We all know compensation is nowhere near enough to make up for hard work many people in this community/state endure. The minimum wage in the state

of Pennsylvania is literally \$7.25. Be f\*\*\*\*\* for real.

I encourage each and every person that goes out to the bar this weekend — and every other day this year — to thank their bartender and treat them with kindness and respect. Don't be messy. Don't be annoying. Don't do the most. Just vibe and remember that the good energy you put out into the world will always come back to you.

Mucho Amor,  
Ricky (they/them/theirs)

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## 2022 Constitution Day Speaker

### Roy L. Brooks

The United States Constitution was adopted by the country 235 years ago and signed just three hours from Lewisburg at the Pennsylvania state house, now known as Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

The past weekend on Sept. 17 marked the anniversary of this monumental event, a day that is now a federally recognized holiday known as Constitution Day.

To celebrate Constitution Day this year, Head of the Legal Studies Department and Associate Professor of Philosophy Jeffery Turner was able to organize a speaker for students. With support from the University's Putterman Lecture Fund, Roy L. Brooks was able to speak via Zoom regarding Black Reparations in America.

"My colleague in Legal Studies, Michael James (Political Science) suggested Roy L. Brooks as a possible Constitution Day speaker some time ago, and I was excited by the proposal; as I looked into Brooks' work on reparations I became even more excited," Turner said. "And in his talk here last week Professor Brooks did such a wonderful job laying out the possible dimensions and approaches to the problem, as well as talking about the strengths and weaknesses of several approaches."

Brooks graduated from Yale Law School in 1975 and now as a Warren Distinguished Professor of Law, he currently teaches at the University of San Diego. To date he has published a number of scholarly texts and books and has won various awards for his work.

With interest and expertise in areas of Civil Rights, International Human Rights, Race and Gender Identity, Employment Discrimination and more Brooks had extensive background and experience to speak with students on his thoughts regarding potential Black Reparations.

The concept may not be familiar to those uninvolved in the historical and political realm of the social sciences, but reparations would be awarded to the victims, or descendants of victims of slavery in the United States. The process by which reparations should be issued is a debate amongst many, but early on in his talk Brooks used an analogy to explain his reasoning.

He had students imagine that a white man and a black man were playing poker for 400 years. During this long period the white man was evidently cheating and collecting many more poker chips than the black man. After years of cheating the poker game the white man decided to say from that moment forward they would play fairly.

The black man was happy to hear the change being made but had to question what would happen to all the poker chips that the white man had collected during his time cheating. With the white man getting to keep his poker chips for himself and his next generation of players, the odds are forever stacked against the black player.

After the end of slavery Jim Crow Laws and segregation were the next hurdles orchestrated by white America, Brooks said. Even after the Civil Rights Movement the black population of America did not have an equitable foundation for life here. Brooks spoke on addressing this inequity further during his talk.

Brooks said his stance and views for how the United States should approach reparations for slavery. He brought light to the differences between individual and institutional redressing. While some argue for individual reparations for Black Americans Brooks was thorough in his explanation of the institutional concept.

"The discussion after his lecture brought up some really important issues, too," Turner said. "I think the problem of reparations is a key one for our students to think about, because it helps us come to grips with both the promise and the horrible failure of this country's past, while also aiming us towards a future that would overcome our failures so that we could better live up to the promise of some of the deeply moving moral language of our Constitution."

student asked during the questions portion of the lecture what the process of distributing reparations to some and not others look like, for Black Americans may not be descendants of slaves.

Brooks said that while all Black Americans may not be direct descendants of slavery, they still face the same lingering repercussions of systemic therefore institutional reparations would be optimal. He continued that systemic reforms could be applied to American systems such as education, and policing.

He also said on other possible redressers that reformers discuss are the possibilities of attaining a constitutional precommitment for racially and universities, and also income supplements for Black Americans.

James Nespole '24 heard about the speaker, with it being a requirement for his political theory class, but afterwards said he was glad he to speak on it.

"Reparations for African-Americans has been a popular topic for discussion," Nespole said. "I had never really understood the full scale of the issue and its extensive history prior to Professor Brooks' lecture. Professor Brooks was able to paint the entire context of the issue in a way that was easily comprehensible. I look forward to researching and learning more about this issue in the future."

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## Bucknell alumni helps build bridge in Selinsgrove

**Bridgette Simpson**  
News Editor

A new construction project that was finished this summer in Selinsgrove was worked on by a Bucknell alum, Tyler Keiser '21.

PennDOT held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation project in June, commemorating the termination of the Northern Section construction and the recent beginning of construction on the Southern Section. The new construction began in May of 2022, and is expected to be finished in 2027.

Keiser studied Civil Engineering and Management for Engineers and completed the five-year degree for both while at Bucknell.

His experience began when he was a first year and had a summer internship with heavy highway construction company Trumbull, where he learned engineering best

practices during the aforementioned Northern Section construction, a bridge and highway system a few miles south of campus.

The finished project now connects Route 15 in Winfield, Union County, to Route 147 in Point Township, Northumberland County.

"I wasn't working at first, I was more learning how to read drawings, how to manage a project, schedule a project, and it was a great internship experience because I had the opportunity to learn so much despite not having much experience outside of the classroom at the time," Keiser said.

Keiser returned to the company to continue his internship after his sophomore, junior, and senior years due to his five-year plan at Bucknell. As the internship progressed each year, he began to learn more about structural calculations and the ins and outs of being an engineer in the workforce.

As a returning intern, he was able to independently complete assignments to contribute to the successful construction of the new bridge in Winfield, Pennsylvania, approximately five miles south of campus, according to Keiser.

"The bridge is just under a half mile long, its highest point is about 200 feet off the ground, and it has 14 piers and crosses water; it was a great project to learn on," Keiser said. "From an engineering standpoint, I saw it from the support of excavation to placing the concrete deck and finishing touches on it."

Throughout the project, he was able to help coordinate tours of the project for students in his engineering classes and student groups, and was able to incorporate what he had learned onsite into his classes.

His company had been awarded the second and third

parts of a three-part project, meaning that they were responsible for the construction of the bridge and connecting it to the highway on the other side of the Susquehanna River, in addition to 13 additional miles of roadway that will connect the interchange Keiser's company built to another road down in Selinsgrove.

"The point of the third project is to filter all of the through traffic, such as trucks and people going through the area to get to another destination, through Selinsgrove and off of the local highway. This would allow them to get onto a freeway express and facilitate easier travel and transportation of freight," Keiser said.

The project, when concluded, will expand the current road conditions into a four-lane highway aimed at alleviating traffic flow. This would help prioritize

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## The Mods are being torn down after more than 50 years

**Bridgette Simpson**  
News Editor

After more than 50 years, Bucknell West, affectionately known as "The Mods" by students, alumni, faculty and staff alike, are finally being torn down, with construction beginning after the Fall 2022 semester.

Only half of the Mods will be torn down at a time in order to maintain options for student housing, and each set of two residential buildings will replace each half of the Mods as they are torn down. All four of the new student housing complexes will be finished by the beginning of Fall 2024, in time to welcome the class of 2028.

Additional on campus housing units will be allocated for students who could be displaced during the construction process.

Each new student housing unit, of which there will be 4, should take approximately 8 months to complete, including a heating and cooling system that will be entirely carbon neutral. The University intends to uphold their promise of

achieving net carbon neutrality by the year 2030, and the revamp of Bucknell West is another step in that direction.

By constructing student housing with geothermal systems, the demand for power will be reduced and all energy will be sourced from renewable options rather than fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions.

The plans for the new apartment buildings are up-to-date and inspired by modern housing styles. The outdoor space will be expansive, and will include a fire pit, amphitheater, ping pong tables, a volleyball court, barbecue grills and space for outdoor activities and seating.

The overall campus reaction has been positive, as well as some alumni and upperclassmen expressing jealousy.

"A lot of great memories were made in the mods in the 90s, but I definitely felt like they could have been updated then," Erin McCoy Simpson '95, who lived in the mods, said. "I'm happy to see them finally being renovated, especially after seeing them when my daughter lived there."

"Hearing the news that the mods are going to be torn down was bittersweet," Jack Calisi '23 said. "I have some real fond memories from over across the highway, but it's probably time to update that housing. I am also very excited to see some of the sustainability features put into place in the new dorms."

Will Orzell '23 had a different sentiment in mind when he found out about the mods being torn down.

"Nowhere else in the country will someone pay that much money to share a 168 square foot space with three other people," Orzell said.

The new apartments will sport Bucknell's traditional red brick exterior, matching the rest of campus. They will be three floors, and will house 70 students each for a total of 280 students. The new apartments will strongly mimic the current Bucknell South Campus Apartments, and will be arranged in varying layouts and floor designs that will include a kitchen, bathroom, shower and vanity area, as well as lounge areas and common laundry areas.

## Lewisburg Farmers Market offers local products for community



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The Lewisburg Farmers Market provides visitors with a selection of fresh and local produce including fruits, vegetables, flowers and a variety of baked goods.

During the times the market is opened, special events are typically held on Saturdays in the summer and fall seasons including pumpkin picking, milkshake features and other seasonal events. According to the farm's website, the market has a partnership with a local farm to door delivery service which helps individuals with eating locally.

Totalling vendors inside and in the outdoor area, there are more than 100.

Haley Griffin '23 said she went to the Lewisburg Farmers Market for the first time this past Wednesday and was able to buy her weekly fruits and vegetables.

"All of the vendors at the market were very nice and had a variety of foods for me to choose from," Griffin said. "I will definitely go back in the future."

Bucknell students frequently visit and support the market for a quick drive to get fresh produce and locally grown items.

The grounds where the market is located used to be the Union County fairgrounds. The first auction was held in 1937, according to its website, when the success of the auctions caused the fair to never be held there again.

Auctions then grew into permanent stands and food vendors, and the market developed into a weekly setup. In 1965, a fire destroyed the initial wooden structure, but a concrete building was constructed — which is the same building currently being used.

Callie Sullivan '23 enjoys visiting the market frequently and purchasing fresh produce as well.

"[The Lewisburg Farmers Market] is a great way to promote sustainable eating habits and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation of food, while also supporting farmers and small businesses in our communities," Sullivan said. "Some of my favorite items to pick up include peaches and apples from K. Schlegel Fruit Farm, sourdough bread from Catherman's Bakery, and any of the seasonal maple products from Terrapin Ridge Farms."

In 2021, the Lewisburg Farmers Market partnered with Crossroad Farms to offer a farm to door delivery service.

The market is open every Wednesday from 8 a.m. — 3 p.m. and is located at 499 Fairground Rd Lewisburg. On Oct. 22, the market will host an Apple Harvest Festival from 10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

For more information about the Lewisburg Farmers Market, visit their website, Instagram or Facebook page to learn about upcoming events and sign up for updates about new vendors at the market.



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# breaking the bubble

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News Editor

## DOMESTIC

Tropical Storm Ian strengthened into Hurricane Ian the morning of Monday, Sept. 26, as the status was updated around 5 a.m. The west coast of Florida, specifically from Fort Myers to Tampa Bay, is anticipated to be hit the hardest. Parts of the Tampa Bay area were ordered a mandatory evacuation, including Hillsborough County. The storm is also approaching western Cuba, which as of Monday has stopped all national train services. In addition, Governor Ron DeSantis issued a state of emergency for all 67 counties in Florida, urging all residents to prepare for the storm and make arrangements to evacuate if necessary.

The CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) has added declassified artifacts to its museum in Langley, Virginia. While still closed to the public, they have added several recently declassified artifacts, such as a model of the compound in Kabul, Afghanistan, where al Qaeda leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri, was killed by a drone strike two months earlier. The model was used to brief President Biden prior to the strike. The CIA aims to facilitate trust and transparency between citizens and the CIA, "which is sometimes hard," shared Janelle Neises, the deputy director of the museum.

## INTERNATIONAL

Following Mahsa Amini's death by Iran's "morality police," thousands of Iranians across the country are protesting. Amini, who was 22 years old, was killed after being accused of not properly covering her hair. The fight for increased autonomy for women has continued in 13 cities despite pushback from Iranian police. Women are burning their headscarves and cutting their hair in defiance of what many deem historically violent treatment of young women by the police. Protestors have been injured, arrested and 17 people have been killed.

Vladimir Putin granted Russian citizenship to Edward Snowden, who fled the United States after being charged with violating the Espionage Act in 2013. An ex-United States security contractor, Snowden's award of citizenship comes as Russia is implementing a non voluntary military draft as tensions between the U.S. and Russia continue to rise. Snowden is ostensibly ineligible for mobilization into the Russian military due to the fact that "he hasn't served before," according to his lawyer, Anatoly Kucharena. This comment succeeds Putin calling up 300,000 civilians to join the Russian army last week.

## Remembering longtime fraternity advocate Tom Deans '55

Bridgette Simpson  
News Editor

There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Oct. 1 in Rooke Chapel for Thomas R. Deans '55, who passed away last year after 66 years of mentoring for the Phi Lambda Theta Chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity.

The Phi Lambda Theta Chapter House was renamed last year to the Thomas R. Deans House in commemoration of his years of mentorship, advocacy and service. He was drawn to the chapter for being one that welcomes individuals regardless of culture or race.

His service began after his graduation from Bucknell University in 1955 when he volunteered with the fraternity alumni association, and went on to hold a variety of positions including secretary, president, vice president and alumni advisor.

Deans was known by his colleagues for working towards fostering an inclusive environment, encouraging new foreign students to meet members of the fraternity and creating a space where everyone could feel comfortable joining.

"Fraternities by their fraternal nature are trying to find people they're comfortable with. We're trying to find people we're uncomfortable with," Deans said in an interview prior to his passing.

In July, Deans' wife, Gail Deans, was awarded with a posthumous award dedicated to Deans and his service to the Chi Phi Fraternity at the annual National Fraternities Congress, which takes place in Philadelphia. A scholarship in his name has also been created; the Thomas R. Deans Award of Excellence will be awarded to a local fraternity who achieves the highest amounts of community service and average GPA among other criteria.

In addition to the work he contributed to both the national fraternity and the Phi Lambda Theta Chapter of Chi Phi Fraternity, Deans was also a successful businessman and involved in the upkeep and revitalization of Milton. He not only founded Thomas R. Deans and Associates, a planning and preservation consultancy, but also the Pennsylvania Preservation Organization.

His focus on downtown regeneration and maintenance

allowed him and his wife, Gail, to restore several buildings as well as form the Milton Health Center. Additionally, he coached Little League for several years and was on the PA Humanities Council and Union County Historical Society.

Deans is to thank for the fraternity's coveted location on Bucknell's campus, the House on the Hill. His weekly meetings with the Fraternity's presidents allowed him to lead them in establishing a relationship with Chi Phi National.

"The passing of Tom means we are passing into a new era," Harley Bennett '64, vice president of the board of directors of the Phi Lambda Theta Chapter of Chi Phi, said. "We are blessed to have an extremely strong chapter at this time ... It is not an understatement to say that our Fraternity would not be here today were it not for Tom. We hope that Tom's legacy will inspire today's students to become tomorrow's leaders."

After Deans' memorial service, members of the fraternity will convene at the chapter house for a lunch meeting, and a Homecoming banquet will be held for Deans at the Lewisburg Hotel at 5:30 p.m.

## SELINGSGROVE BRIDGE

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the downtown shops, restaurants, movie theater, and commercial mall in Selingsgrove, and make life a little easier for locals so they need not worry about semis populating or clogging the downtown area.

Keiser spoke to The Bucknellian about the significance of working so closely to both where he grew up and Bucknell, citing the proximity of everything being so close as an integral part of his experience at school and in his internship.

"I got to contribute to a massive project that was very prevalent in the local community, and then I got to combine my internship experience with my campus life since I was able to relate course material to what I'd seen in the field," Keiser said. "It was cool how even when I wasn't working on the project, I was able to stop by the project office to catch up with coworkers and get updates. It was rewarding getting to see the progress of the project throughout the year as I drove by, since it's so easy to see from the highway."

Keiser's company as a whole continues to take charge of the

tasks of constructing the new bridge as well as decongesting Selingsgrove, while Keiser himself is now the Project Engineer of a new development in Quakertown. The goal of this new job is to expand the turnpike from 4 to 6 lanes for a 7 mile stretch.

Keiser also underlined the importance of his experience at Bucknell and explained how much his extracurriculars, in addition to his studies, contributed to his continual success in the workforce.

"The coursework definitely prepared me, but I also attribute a lot of my success to extracurriculars. Clubs, teams, and jobs on campus helped me to develop my communication skills and project development skills, such as effective scheduling and managing a budget," Keiser said. "Part of my job is engineering based, but there's a good amount of people management; at the end of the day, the men and women doing the work in the field are the individuals that make our projects successful."

## 5 things to do this weekend

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### 7th Street Makerspace Events

Looking to do something hands-on and creative? The Makerspace has a variety of activities available this weekend. The Makerspace is located at 420 Seventh Street, and is attached to Seventh Street Café. On Friday from 5-9 p.m. Students can make a dorm room key holder to use as a space to store things such as keys, wallets and ID. On Saturday from 5-9 p.m. Students can also make a wooden essential oil diffuser with a choice of beads, string and scent, which can be hung in a dorm room or car. Supplies are first-come, first-serve, and there is no sign-up required for the Makerspace's Friday and Saturday events.

### Farm Work Party

Join the campus Farm for their monthly Saturday Work Party from 2-4 p.m.. Located behind the water towers on South Campus, the Farm allows students to be a part of the food growing process, as well as share it with the community. Work Parties are open to everyone, not just paid student farmers, and commonly involve a group activity. At last month's party, attendees got to make fresh pesto with ingredients from the farm. If you can't make the party, but still want to be involved with the farm, open volunteer hours are offered every Friday from 4-7 p.m..

### Glow Night @ Uptown

Join the Gender & Sexuality Alliance for their yearly register. The event will be hosted this Saturday at Uptown in Swartz, starting at 8 p.m., and going as long as Uptown is open and people are still dancing. Students should go in their most colorful and bright clothing, and glow beneath the black lights as they dance with friends. Enjoy free food and drinks and play some of the games Uptown has to offer like pool and table tennis.

### Casino Night @ Uptown

On Friday from 8-11 p.m. at Uptown in Swartz Hall, the CAP Center Core is hosting a night of casino games like Blackjack and Roulette. No need to be of casino age for these games. Come and try your hand, whether a new player or experienced; you just might win a prize. Stick around for free food and some friendly competition.

### LACOS Feria Latina

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the LACOS for their annual celebration, Feria Latina. The event will be from 8-10 p.m. at MacDonald Commons Lawn, located on south campus near the senior apartments. There will be a free food truck, music and games celebrating Hispanic culture. Bring your friends and your appetite.

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She will forever be recognized for singing the theme songs to Brave, Disney and Pixar's Oscar-, Golden Globe- and BAFTA-winning animated film, set in the ancient highlands of Scotland. It was a worldwide smash hit, and the song "Touch the Sky" was long listed for an Oscar in 2013.

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# Investigative: University changes COVID protocol, lacks means to enforce it

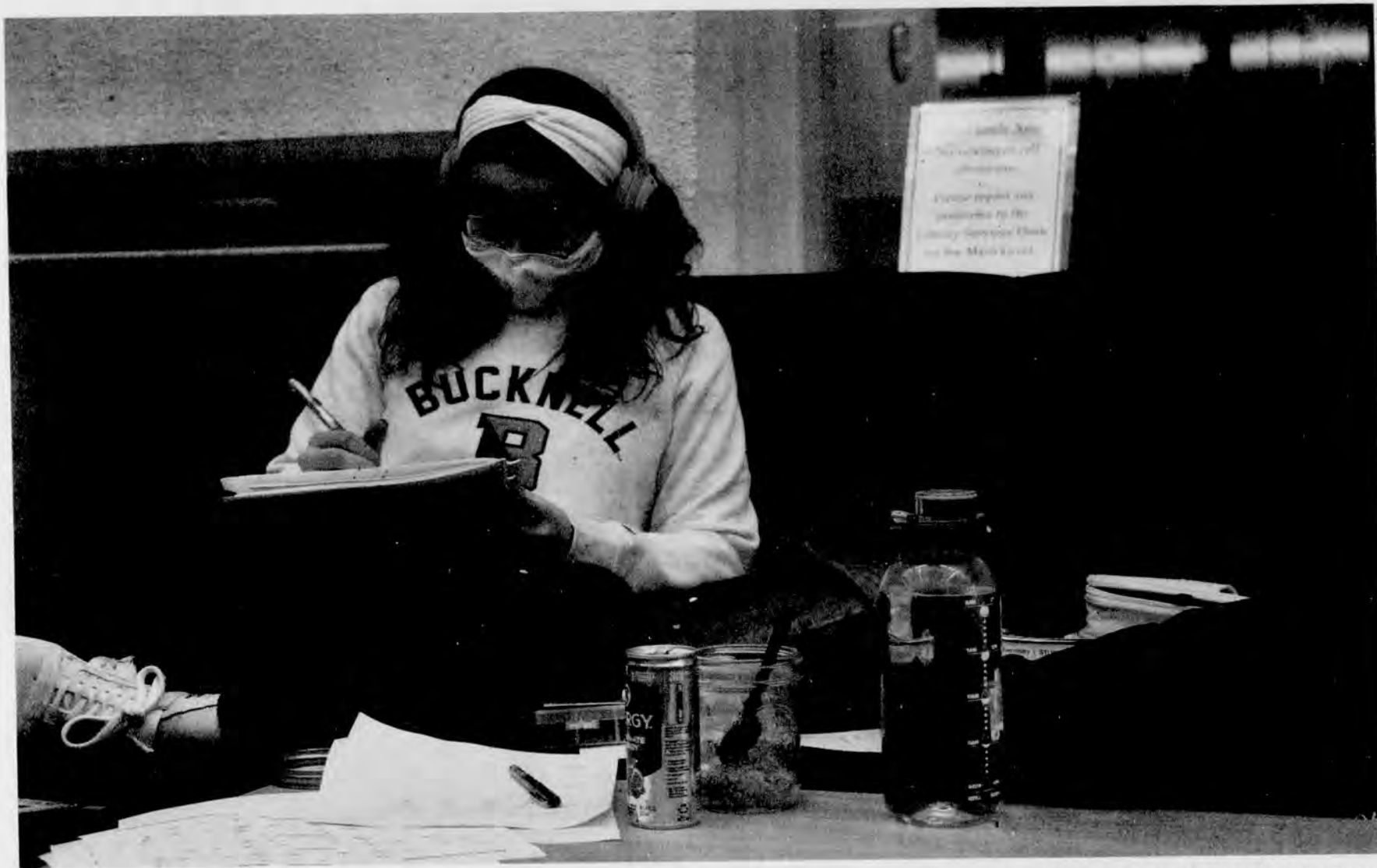


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The COVID pandemic, which started almost three years ago, brought major changes to the University and the world.

After sending students home for the spring semester of 2020, Bucknell University administrators made several policies and precautions to make it possible to bring students back to school while lowering risk of infection. Some of these policies include masking, social distancing and testing.

As the pandemic continues many of the policies on campus have changed or been eliminated entirely, and there is no one overseeing whether students follow the recommendations.

A major change made by Bucknell is which students qualify for isolation housing.

This year isolation is only offered to students in extraordinary circumstances. If the student who tested positive has a

roommate who is at high risk for severe COVID, they can qualify for isolation housing.

Catherine O'Neil, the director of Bucknell Student Health, said there are measures that students can take to decrease the risk of contracting the disease when a student needs to isolate, but does not meet the criteria for isolation housing.

"They include wearing a mask when in their room, open windows to increase air circulation if possible, sleep with their head facing the opposite direction of the sick roommate, clean their room surfaces frequently, wash their hands frequently and avoid touching their face, get regular sleep and eat healthy, well balanced meals," O'Neil said.

In past years, anyone at Bucknell who tested positive was sent to isolation housing, a private room in a local hotel where prepared meals were delivered to the student to prevent them from leaving their rooms. The cost of this was paid for entirely by the University.

Now, students who test positive

for the virus must remain in their rooms and are only permitted to leave their space to use the bathroom and to collect meals.

Individuals who are COVID-positive, and not placed in housing, will continue to use the communal bathrooms, the same ones as COVID-negative students.

These students are recommended to wear a mask at all times. However, the CDC has written on their website that masks are not effective when wet, so they should not be worn in the shower.

Due to HIPAA laws, the University is not authorized to share with other students whether an individual has COVID, including roommates. Unless an individual decides to tell their hall, the students in that hall will have no way of knowing if a student showering in the same bathroom as them without a mask has COVID or not.

Bucknell has no official staff or position monitoring whether students follow the precautions that the administration recommends to infected students.

Meal deliveries have also been terminated for positive students.

The University started a program called "Bison Buddies" for students who are unable to or don't feel comfortable going to dining locations, while positive for COVID or the Flu, to replace the delivery service.

This program allows students to bring another student's ID card to dining locations and purchase food on their behalf and is the only option for students who do not have the means to pick up food on their own. Students must find another willing student on their own.

Another precaution that was done away with this semester was the COVID Dashboard, which showed accurate data of how many positive cases there were on campus among students, staff and faculty, how many students were in isolation housing and the number of tests administered per day.

Data for past weeks and months was also available on the webpage.

With testing no longer a requirement by the University, and most individuals choosing to test at home, it makes it impossible to collect accurate data, especially because not all members of the campus community report positive cases to Student Health. Bucknell students are required to have been fully vaccinated to attend the University.

"We have discontinued the dashboard this semester because it would be inaccurate and not serve the purpose it was built to do," O'Neil said.

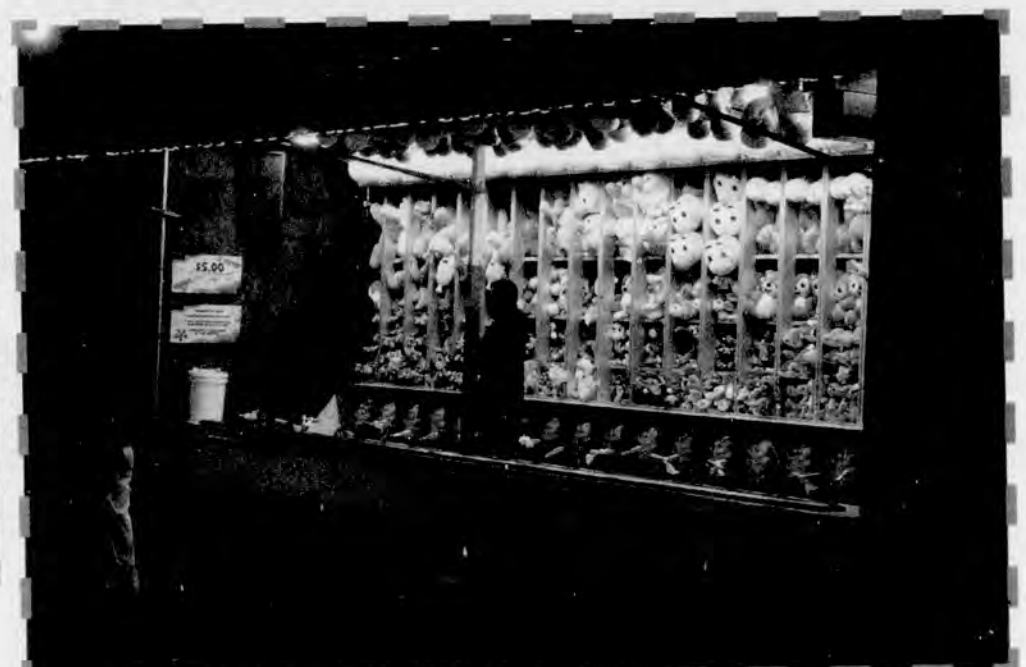
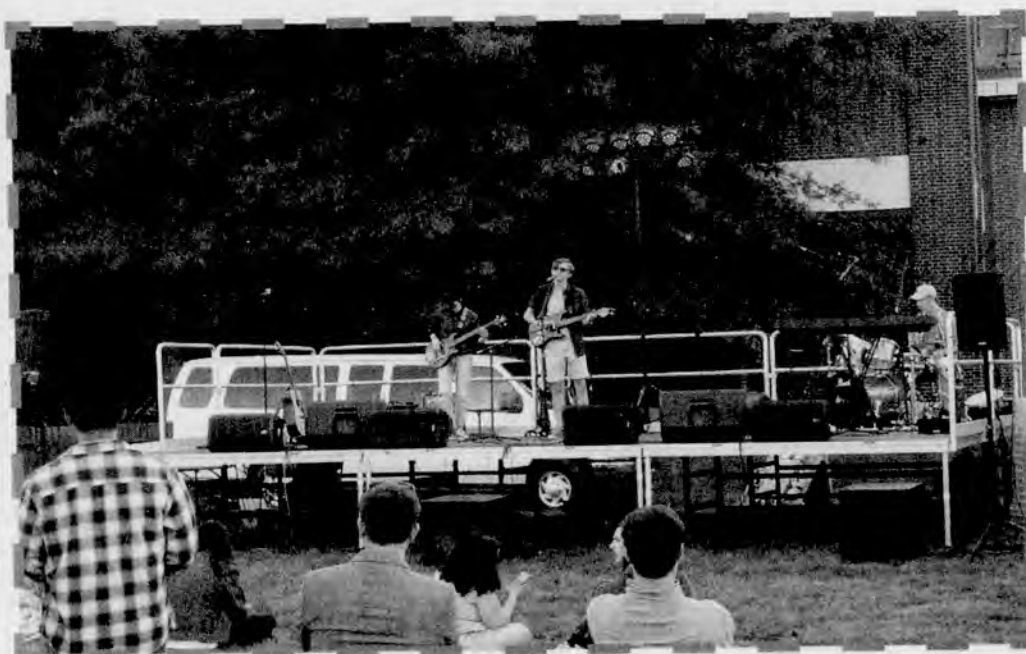
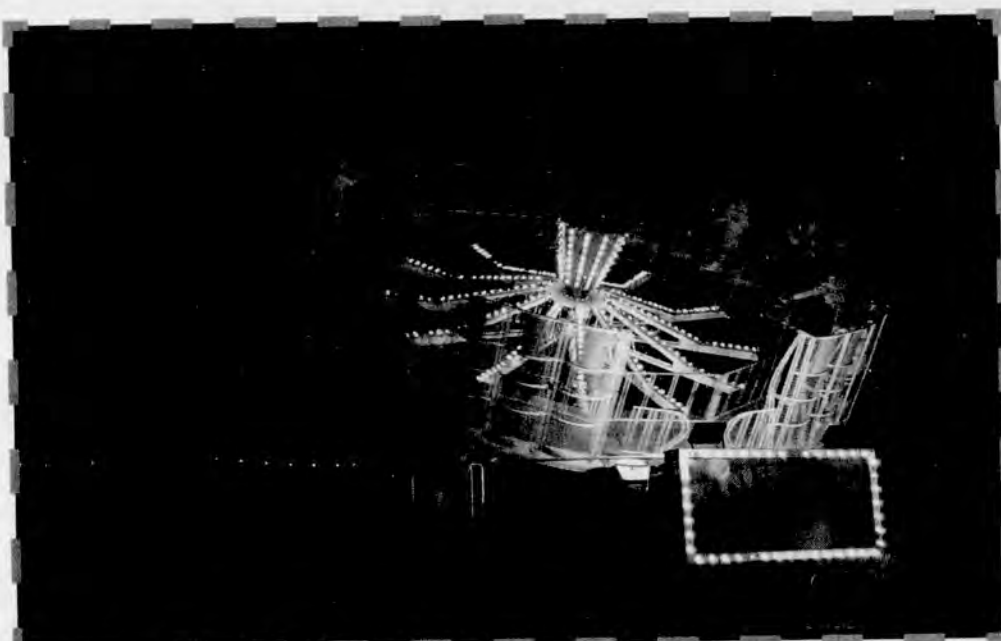
Lehigh University, a private institution located in Bethlehem with roughly 7,200 students, still maintains their COVID Dashboard.

Lehigh follows a similar isolation protocol, offering "extremely limited" housing for students in extreme circumstances, according to their website.

The CDC publishes recommendations for isolation and preventing the spread of COVID, which is available on the agency's website.

## Photo Story: 2022 Fall Fest

Aidan Tacker  
Photographer





# Hypochondriacs loot new COVID vending machine

Maximus Bean  
Satire Editor

Recently, the upper echelons of the University blessed the students with a vending machine which deposited COVID tests (or as some may know it, the covinding machine). Each student was allowed two per week, and for the first few minutes after it opened, all was peaceful. Then the hypochondriacs attacked.

Within moments, the machine was empty. Although the two-per-student allowance was a courtesy, these courtesies meant nothing when life and limb was endangered! And as such, the machine was forced to drop the tests at such a rate that it nearly shut down. Even then, the machine was so slow that an entire row of tests would cost an arduous 75 seconds.

Hypochondria symptoms could range from the occasional sneeze to a bad temper, but either way it's probably COVID, and the best way to check was to get tested. This constant demand was only exacerbated by the mask mandate enacted a week or so prior. The notion that anyone or anything, no matter if it were a student,

teacher, squirrel or questionable burger patty could be infected with COVID was enough to drive people to madness. Clearly, the vending machine was not enough.

Thankfully for the student population, however, the University has put out a statement on the matter. Dean of Medicine and Pathology Hackett Kauff recently made this speech at a sparsely-attended seminar on sickness and wellness.

"My fellow students, we see your actions, and how COVID still poses a threat to us in our waking life. Even the COVID vending machine is empty, which indicates such a high demand for tests. It is for these reasons that I am proposing to enact a universal mask mandate throughout the rest of the school year."

The correspondent who attended this event reported that only one person, one who had at least five COVID tests in his hands, clapped at this statement. Eventually the university settled on a more cost-effective solution to their test-theft; this time they made the covinding machine cost money!

## Freshmen start up paper out of dorms, rehash recent events and post it everywhere on campus

Max Bean  
Satire Editor

Even though this paper is the most popular and likely the only of its kind available on campus, competition is afoot. Students Newt L. Edders '26 and Reed N. White '26 have utilized the various follow-me printers around campus to propagate their own newspaper, titled "The Bison Weekly". Their main gimmick is that of relevancy; every week they post about all of the random events that went on the week prior. A strange new sign was posted in the ELC? They wrote about it! New shop opening on Market Street? It's in their itinerary. They took every minuscule thing about campus life and chopped it up into four articles per section.

Despite everyone on the student body living through the weekend's Fall Fest, the pair who ran "The Bison Weekly" still wrote about it. Why would people want to read about something they've already experienced? It makes no sense! This is not to mention that their "Funnies" section is laughable (in a bad way) and that their "Opinions" section has nothing but pop culture. What else are people supposed to complain about if everyone's thoughts on things are as milquetoast as bread? How dare this other paper belie and misrepresent itself to the eager public!

"We just want to try it out," Edders said in an exclusive

interview with one of our correspondents. "It's something exciting for us Freshmen, and we want something cool to put on our resume. Starting up a new newspaper on campus sounds pretty nice, doesn't it? Hopefully it'd bolster our experience, too." While the wire attached to the interviewer's chest picked up Edder's comments just fine, it sadly missed anytime our correspondent spoke due to an editing error. Before anyone asks about the actual audio of the interview, that too was unfortunately destroyed in a freak accident involving rabid squirrels.

The student body can be thankful despite this horrid turn of events. Since "The Bison Weekly" isn't a registered group on campus, this week's papers were quickly gathered up and burned by a group of disgruntled, but anonymous individuals. The students who did this, heroic as they are, will not be named for reasons pertaining to conflicts of interest. Competition after all is just a corporate buzzword. It's an excuse for other people to butt in on well-established products. Who needs it anyways? Nobody, that's who! It has no actual meaning or purpose here on campus, so don't worry everyone; this paper will do you right every single time. Copies come out every week, and are available all over campus. Order a subscription now!

## ROTC cadets caught off-guard by local squirrel population in surprise attack, chaos ensues.

Aaron Chin  
Senior Writer

It is no secret that the ROTC students here at the University continually put in a lot of hard work. They are constantly putting in endless hours of training, practice and exercise, on top of getting work done for their classes. Our ROTC students deserve the utmost respect for the work and dedication that they put into everything they do.

It is also no secret that the squirrel population here on campus is surprising. According to science, there are approximately two hundred million squirrels in the entire world today, and 43% of the world's squirrel population resides here on our campus. It seems that the squirrels here are everywhere, from the library to the academics, and even inside the library. The squirrels have truly made this

place their home, which has led to some contact with the ROTC students.

One night last week during training, the ROTC students were holding a fake stake-out on the football field in which the students stayed up throughout the night conducting drills. Several of these drills involved self-defense techniques. The drills were intense, and the students worked so hard that even the slightest movement would set off their alarms.

At approximately 11:56 p.m., a flying squirrel descended from an overhead branch, landing on a student's shoulder. The student quickly shooed the squirrel away, but turned around to find sixteen more flying squirrels descending from the sky. The student yelled for help, and several other students came to their assistance. However, the

more students that arrived, the more squirrels that descended from the trees.

For every student that came, eighteen more squirrels came as well, quickly outmatching the students. The squirrels each leaped onto the students, sending them all into a wild panic.

But the squirrels were confused. Apparently, there is a scientific phenomenon called Human Acornopolis which posits that squirrels frequently believe that humans are just giant acorns. Several students ran in panic, yelling for the squirrels to get away from them.

The squirrels then leaped off the students, scurrying away into the night to find actual acorns to eat. The students then calmly resumed their night training being ever vigilant of the squirrels.



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## Reinforcing Mask Mandate leads to increased levels of Maskfishing, Study finds

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Contributing Writer

Do you currently have the same nasty cough as half of Bucknell's student population? It seems like the entire campus has become infected, except many have misdiagnosed their illnesses as "frat flu" when they actually have COVID-19.

This past Monday, Bucknell reinstated its indoor masking protocols after the CDC reported Union County as a "high risk" location for COVID-19 transmission. Students were outraged, anxiously searching their dorms for the one mask their moms forced them to pack "just in case."

Although there was no increase in COVID-19 cases over these 3.5 days, something else on campus experienced a spike. No, it wasn't just fraternity jungle juice. Maskfishing, which is basically when someone looks more attractive with a mask on than without one, is a serious offense; PSafe is so passionate about stopping it, they offer a \$50 reward to students for each maskfisher they turn in.

Students began reporting one

another to PSafe at astronomical rates, causing Bucknell officials to lift the mandate only 81 hours after being reinstated.

Psychology major Breigh Ni was particularly fascinated by the events that occurred. She decided to conduct a study amongst the Bucknell student population to determine how the maskfishing became rampant in such a short period of time, and her findings were nothing short of groundbreaking.

Ni sent an anonymous survey to all of Bucknell's students that assessed their behavioral changes resulting from wearing masks again. Although most students responded that they wore their masks below their noses or simply did not wear them at all, there was a select group that indicated wearing masks. This group was unphased by the feeling of sweaty disposable masks pressing against their noses and restricting their breathing with each inhale, enjoying the déjà vu that came with it. These students also basked in the anonymity that their cloth barriers provided them with. In doing

so, they found a new confidence to approach people in their classes whom they had never spoken to before.

Of those who reported wearing masks, 84% reported that they obtained three or more Snapchats over the course of the week. Non-masking students became infuriated when the person with the gorgeous eyes and perfectly sculpted eyebrows that they met in class turned out to be a solid three.

One anonymous, non-masking respondent wrote, "I was really vibing with this girl from econ who I didn't recognize, so I gave her my snap. She turned out to be mad ugly."

Another added, "I was gonna ask this guy to come chill in my dorm who I just met today in calc. We started snapping after class, and now I'd rather hook up with our 64 year old professor than hook up with him. Our professor is bald."

Ni has finished compiling the results, and is now in the process of submitting her study for her honors thesis.

## Constitution Day on Campus beset by confused celebrants of "Declaration of Independence Day"

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Senior Writer

The other weekend was Bucknell's Family Weekend, but the influx of relatives on campus wasn't the only cause for celebration. It was also Constitution Day, the federal holiday celebrating the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. But as students around campus decorated their Supers and prepped their grills, many were wondering, didn't we already celebrate this a couple months ago? The answer: no!

Many confuse Constitution Day with Declaration of Independence Day, more traditionally known as Independence day. That is celebrated on July 4, a completely different month, and is a day filled with parades, barbecues, backyard games and extravagant fireworks shows. Constitution Day is specifically about the Constitution. Never fear, people can still have their picnics and potlucks.

No need to take down your American Flag decorations because it is still a holiday celebrating the United States, so all the normal American celebration traditions are valid. But in the future, you might want to check your signs and Instagram

posts so people aren't confused about which holiday you're celebrating.

Many Americans don't normally celebrate Constitution Day, but that's because people are never sure what it's about. So this past weekend, the Bucknell Political Science Department decided to host a presentation on the Constitution, its history and importance in the ELC Forum. After a wonderful rendition of "The National Anthem" by Amelia Maurice '24, Political Science Professor Earnest stepped up to the podium to start his speech.

After introducing himself, the Professor started to read an excerpt from the document of discussion, saying, "In 1776, Thomas Jefferson wrote: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by—" But they were quickly cut off by an associate who ran up to them.

It turns out that Professor Earnest started to read an excerpt from the Declaration of Independence, not the U.S. Constitution, proving just how hard it is to remember what's in

each. The audience didn't seem to notice the mistake, but were confused when the Professor suddenly announced that they would be playing the traditional Flag Day song "You're a Grand Old Flag."

It was meant to be played later in the presentation for a bit of fun, but it worked just as well as a distraction while Professor Earnest used one of the printed The Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States pocket booklets the school had ordered to re-plan his presentation.

After his little stumble, the Professor picked his speech back up by reading the opening of the actual Constitution. He then explained the purpose of the Constitution a bit more in depth, why it was created and how difficult it was for all the states to agree to it. Professor Earnest's original plan was to read the entire Constitution, but after realizing how long and boring that would be, he opted to read all 27 Amendments, highlighting how far the United States has come since its conception. How far it has come indeed.

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# Mondragon Bookstore: An Oasis of Used and Unique Books

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Looking for a book that didn't gain its popularity from Tik Tok or mainstream trends? Mondragon Books has been supplying the Lewisburg community with atypical books not found at your local Barnes and Noble.

The bookstore opened its doors for the first time in 2009 at the previous location, 111 Market Street. The original store was founded, and for many years operated, by Charles Sackrey, a retired Bucknell economics professor. His decision to name the store Mondragon Books came from inspiration of the Mondragon Corporation located in the Basque Region of Spain.

Sarajane Snyder got involved with the store in late 2016 and now operates it herself. The move from 111 to 430 Market Street happened almost two years ago exactly in October of 2020. Now in its location at the center of downtown life in Lewisburg they have been able to accumulate more customers according to Snyder.

The store is a shared space with the Open Door Gallery and is unlike many other bookstores. A pillar covered with real tree bark and added branches and leaves sits in the center of the store as a divider of sorts between the gallery and books. Multiple shelves stand filled with colorful books both aged and new divided by genre and topic. Adding to the many colors of the books are the colorful carpets and couches.

Their mission statement hanging in their store explains that their stock focuses on topics of literary fiction, poetry, social studies, arts, the home and political economy, health, DIY Skills, nature and "other books that foster knowledge and power to the people." Their book annex located on the second floor of Roller Mills Antiques sells books focused on other topics such as history, war, baseball, mystery and more.

Snyder shared many of her intentions for this "feeling" that the bookstore would give off, among other information regarding the store itself. She said that she aimed to create a different atmosphere for people to experience when walking through the store, an aged feeling that she felt people need sometimes.

On the topic of the book annex, she said that the separation also helps with the aura of the store. Throughout all the shelves she said that there was a "diverse representation" of authors, styles and topics.

All the books in the store connect together well and flow — topics such as the history of war would interrupt that. Pointing out the section on Religion she said how she does not

sort by author but rather ideas. With the bottom shelf holding bibles and related books, a shelf above held issues regarding Jesus as a figure, and even further above was a section on Judaism.

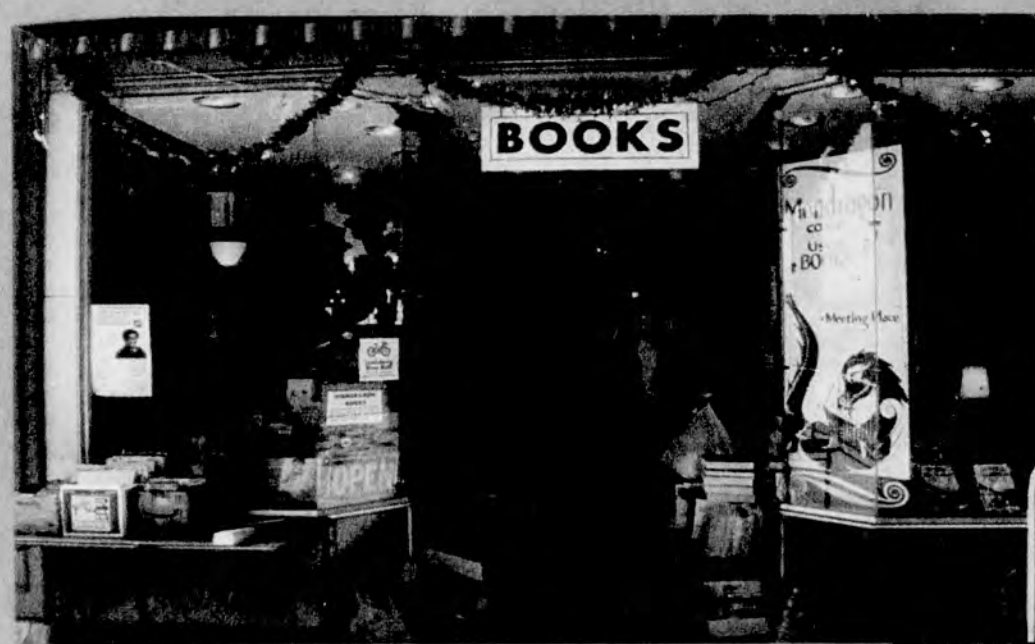
The large majority of books stocked in the store are not recent publications, and titles made popular on social media like TikTok's "BookTok" usually cannot be found on the shelves. Discussing this with Snyder, she said that she was "not anti-bestseller but anti-mainstream." The feeling that the store and books display are not shared by many popular books of the Gen Z generation. This difference is okay and interesting to observe, she said. It will be fascinating to see the evolution of the book as older generations phase out.

Up until about this past year the store was completely stocked with used books secured through donations, yet they now select and order certain new books. Snyder said that many of the new books she orders center around nature and trees. She continued saying that many of the store's customers do not enjoy online shopping or want to avoid it completely. For those people she has given the option to special order books to the store for them.

Asking Snyder about the name of the store and the idea of the Mondragon Cooperative she said that although she was the sole operator for the store and it was not a cooperative by law it had a "co-op attitude." The store functions based on donations of used books and if there is something she would need help with, loyal customers are there to offer their assistance. The store is labeled as a "community-supported" bookstore which upholds cooperative values.

She talked about why people come into the store. Saying that although it might be common for people to go into other stores "looking for something" they could come into Mondragon and "find something." She said how she is fascinated and always curious about what compels people to look at certain books and she is able to observe this among different types of people. Whether it's a title, cover art or author there's always something to discover.

This is something Bucknell students can experience by making the trip downtown. Going in not looking for anything in particular, but maybe finding a book they never knew they needed. The bookstore is open Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.



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## Outstanding Weekend for Women's Golf

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Bucknell Women's Golf stayed home for the Bucknell Invitational, inviting Mount St. Mary's, Bryant, St. Francis, La Salle, Niagara University and Bloomsburg to compete alongside them.

It was a successful weekend for the Bison as they were able to defend their home turf and dominate the tournament by fifteen strokes (+65), with Mount St. Mary's finishing in second place at +80.

Tara Thomas '25 took home a first place finish with a final tally of +6, consisting of a first round 77, second round 69, and third round 70. She finished nine strokes ahead of the rest of the competition, with the Mt. St. Mary's opponent finishing the invitational at +15.

Bucknell also had three more women landing in the top ten, with Viveka Kurup '25 grabbing a T3 finish at +16, Paige Richter '26 earning a 6th place finish at +17, and Kelsey Yi '24 coming in at a T9 placement at +22.

It was a special day for Thomas, though, as she holed her first ever ace in a

tournament at the sixteenth hole during the third round. A slam dunk where the ball never even touched the green, Thomas soaked in the moment. "I was in shock and then was overwhelmed by excitement. It is super special to have my first hole in one on my home course at the home tournament."

After a slow start to the tournament, Thomas found her swing and really delivered for her team to secure a win.

"Over the last couple of weeks the team and I have been working very hard on our games. We really focused on our short games and being confident around the greens," Thomas explained.

Bison Women's Golf definitely seems to be headed on the right track as the season progresses. Bucknell led scoring on par 3's (3.31) and par 4's (4.39) for the weekend while also being the only squad to make an eagle for the invitational.

They will head to Annapolis, MD this weekend for the Navy Invitational as the team hopes to keep the momentum swing in their favor.



## Women's Volleyball: Best Start to Patriot League Play Since 2003

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Bucknell women's volleyball is sitting with a 10-2 stat in the second week of Patriot League play.

This past Saturday, Holy Cross traveled to Bucknell to lose in a straight sweep (25-15, 26-24, 25-11) against the Bison. In all three sets, Bucknell hit .250 or better and scored nine aces against the Crusaders. Catherine Jamison '24 led the team with 11 kills and a .241 hitting average.

Bri Frazilus '26 followed with 10 kills and a .320 hitting percentage. In both matches one and three, Holy Cross never saw a lead. This match marked the sixth sweep of the season for the Bison.

Further, a 3-0 start to the league play is the best seen since 2003.

On Sunday, Bucknell played a close five setter against Colgate (15-25, 19-25, 25-19, 25-19, 14-16). Although these bouts did not prove favorable, there was some great action seen amongst the bison throughout the five sets. Jamison put out a career high of 23 kills (HP .264) with seven in the third set alone. The fourth match was highlighted by outstanding defensive efforts from Allie Lopez '24 and freshman Tjiana Kostic '26, who combined for eight block assists.

The fifth match opened with the first three points due to kills by Frazilus and Jen Sivak '25 along with a Colgate error. Seven lead changes were seen throughout the fifth match, resulting in a close loss for the Bison and a record of 3-1 in Patriot League play.

"This weekend was a great showing for us overall," Jamison said. "Although we did not get the results we wanted with our match against Colgate, we competed the entire game and proved to the league we are no longer the team they remember."

Next week Bucknell will face Loyola in Baltimore Maryland on Friday, Sept. 30.

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## Upcoming Events

### Women's Tennis

Loyola Invitational 9/30

### Volleyball

• @ Loyola 9/30 7p

### Women's Rowing

• vs Lehigh 10/1

### Women's Golf

• @ Navy Fall Invitational 10/1

### Field Hockey

• @ Colgate 10/1 11am

### Football

• vs Lafayette 10/1 3:30pm

## Women's Soccer Finishes Weekend 2-0

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The Bison secured two major wins this past weekend against American University and Colgate University.

The Orange and Blue traveled to Washington D.C. on Wednesday, where they met American. Both teams led defensively and had a few chances on goal. Bucknell almost took the lead in the sixty-third minute when Paige Temple '25 finished a cross from Meghan White '26. The goal was called off due to an apparent hand ball on Temple's part.

The Bison kept the pressure up the rest of the game and were finally able to convert in the eighty-second minute. Abby Gearhart '23 got a toe on a ball from an American center back and Rylee Donaldson '23 picked up the ball for the counter attack. Donaldson was able to play back and forth with Teresa Deda '25 and finally find Gearhart in the center of the box. Her one touch shot made its way past the keeper and into the goal, giving the Bison the 1-0 lead.

The Orange and Blue only allowed the American four shots on goal. Jenna Hall '24 finished with three saves and her third shutout of the season. The defense did a tremendous job at keeping American from scoring, and had amazing support from their wingbacks. Substitutions were made due to the warm weather and need for water breaks.

The Bison got to play home Saturday afternoon against Colgate

after five games on the road.

"Being able to play at home was a treat," Gearhart said. "Competing in front of friends and family is always the best."

The girls came out putting immediate pressure on the opposing goalie. The Bison scored three times within the first 37 minutes of the match. Gearhart, Reese Evans '25 and Henna Andican '26 each scored during the game against Colgate. They had a couple attempts but Colgate never came out successful. Impressive stops by keeper Hall, Olivia DeConinck '25 and other defenders helped secure the shutout.

Each goal came from wide crosses into the box. Gearhart now leads for most goals on the season with three, and Deda tallied another assist to put her at five on the season and 17 in her overall career.

The Bison tallied 11 corner kicks and 14 shots on goal only in the first 45 minutes of the game. After each goal, the pressure did not stop. Deda and Andican each came close to adding to the score. By the end of the game they had 23 shots on goal and 14 corner kicks.

Gearhart said that the team planned to put previous losses behind them and "focus one game at a time."

The Orange and Blue improved to 2-1 in Patriot League play and 5-4-1 overall. They look to continue this winning streak as they take on Princeton at home.

## A close second: Bison vs. Hoyas

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The Bison women's rowing team competed in their season debut against Georgetown on Sept. 24.

The Bison hosted the Hoyas on the Susquehanna River on a crisp 50 degree morning. Each team had three eights on the water, with each rowing 6,000 meters. Typically, the Bison start with the first, second, and third eights, however each team entered even boatings this weekend.

The first team for the Bison was composed of Ava Rysman '23, Maddie Wickers '23, Reilly Shapiro '26, Kona Glenn '25, Alina Kelly '25, Logan Moore '26, Hayden Groves '25, Haley Beardsley '24 and Victoria Miller-Tuchon '26.

In the second boat was Zoe Frank '25, Cleo Ray '26, Bella Guzman '26, Gaby Wakim '23, Caroline Brand '23, Amanda Pennett '24, Abby Malek '24, Cecilia Dial '26 and Libby Kaseta '26.

The third was Molly Garrahy '24, Abby Gerst '24, Annabelle Kaeli '24, Caroline Corbett '26, Millie Malloy '23, Nora Finlay '26, Katie Hess '26, Dehliia Rotchford '24 and Kira Capaldi '25.

The meet was scored based on cumulative times from Saturday. The Hoyas edged the Bison with a cumulative time of 64:38 while the Bison finished at 67:05. The Bison women's rowing team will host Lehigh this upcoming weekend, Oct. 1 where they will compete again on the Susquehanna River.

## Bucknell Men's Soccer Battles with American University

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Contributing Writer

Bucknell men's soccer went head to head with American University this past weekend.

The Bison started off strong this match, taking the lead by the fourteenth minute of the game. Waldemar Kattrup '25 received a throw-in ball that he deflected to Mo Tall '23. Tall found Cade McGrath '26 on a break away to the net. McGrath dodged the goalie and shot on a wide open net. McGrath scored his first career goal in the match.

Though this was a strong start for the Bison, the American University Eagles came back to score the equalizer just before halftime. In the second half the Bison held off American University with high pressure, but the Eagles managed to score again in the seventy-fourth minute, off of a back side goal coming from a throw-in down the right side. The Bison created many scoring opportunities in the final 10 minutes of the match, but could not get a finishing touch on goal.

American led in shooting throughout the game, 13-7, while the Bison led in corner kicks, three to one.

Eddie "Dudi" Perez-Pelaez '23 spoke about the game.

"The team had one of those games that have come to define the start of our season," Perez-Pelaez said. "We control most, if not all, aspects of the game but are unable to put the game away definitively, and it's something we end up paying for sooner or later in the match. It's extremely frustrating to lose games when we do because we are playing very well and we clearly dominate the opposition, but we seem to beat ourselves rather than the other team beating us." The Bison will host Lafayette this Saturday, Oct. 1, at Emmitt Varsity Soccer Field at 6 p.m. during Homecoming Weekend. You can watch the game remotely on ESPN+ and stream the live statistics on the Bucknell men's soccer website.



## Men's Water Polo's Undefeated Weekend

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Over the weekend in Erie, Pa., the Bison competed against Salem and McKendree on Saturday, and Mercyhurst and Gannon on Sunday. After the first day of play, the Bison were 2-0, heading into Sunday's games with motivation.

Game one on Saturday was a success for Bucknell, as they defeated Salem 15-8. The Bison offense dominated the game, scoring five goals in the first eight minutes, taking a lead of 5-2. Out of the first five goals, Jack Lewis '23 scored three, while Doruk Ozar '24 and Aleksa Stefanovic '26 both scored one.

Heading into halftime, the Bison were up with a score of 7-3. Only minutes later at the 5:50 mark of the third quarter, Lewis added his fifth goal to the board. Continuing to the end of the

third quarter and fourth quarter, the scoring was non-stop from Lewis, Ian Shultz '26 and Jack Murad '26.

During this game, two orange and blue players hit personal records and season records. Both Shultz and Lewis majorly contributed to Bucknell's win with a career best of three goals for Shultz, and for Lewis, his seven goals were a career high and the most by a Bison player this season.

"It was a great feeling to hit new records," Lewis said. "However, it was even better that our team was able to adapt to the other team's defense, successfully finding places where we could excel."

On Saturday, Bucknell's second matchup was against McKendree, and resulted in a Bison victory of 12-3.

Within minutes into the first quarter, the Bison got the ball rolling with scores from Stefanovic and Andu Vlasceanu '23. The team closed down on defense and attacked strongly, propelling their lead even further.

The second quarter was a huge scoring period for the Bison. In total, Vlasceanu, Stefanovic, Hasan Mogultay '25, and Murad found the back of the cage five times, creating a comfortable 7-1 lead for the team heading into halftime.

The Bison didn't let the intensity drop in the third and fourth quarters, and continued to add more tallies to the score and even shut-out the fourth quarter. For goalie Adrien Touzot '23, he totaled a season-best of 16 saves.

## Cross Country Travels to Boston

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Contributing Writer

This weekend, the men's and women's cross country teams competed at the Boston College Invitational.

The women's team had another strong showing, with Caryn Rippey '26 leading the herd with a forty-second place finish. Mia Bellucci '23 joined the first year in the top 50, placing forty-fourth with a time of 18:26, just about two minutes and twenty seconds after the first-place runner.

Teammates Abby Paczewski '24, Ally Clarke '24, and Laura Sakol '24 secured spots in the top 100 out of 164 runners at

sixty-sixth, seventy-fourth, and ninety-fourth, respectively. The team finished thirteenth out of 19 teams.

The men also competed, placing tenth out of 15 as a team. Sam Whittaker '23 continues to be dangerous competition, winning the thirteenth place spot out of 126 runners.

"This weekend really showed the depth of our team. Our 2-7 really worked together out there to push themselves, and I can't wait to see how well they do after a few more solid workouts..." he said. "It's all starting to come together for the team."

Whittaker finished with a time of 24:22, thirty seconds behind the lead.

"For myself, I took a step towards becoming a national caliber runner," he said.

Teammates Bobby Lynam '25 (58, 25:32), Noah Martin '23 (63, 25:43), Peter Sorensen '25 (67, 25:51), Grayson Crockett '25 (68, 25:52) Dom Campagna '23 (70), Ben Santos '25 (74), and Trent Dinant '26 (87) joined Whittaker, all placing in top 100 spots. The Bison are back to work in the coming weeks before competing at the Fordham Invite on Oct. 14.

## The Bison Women's Tennis team had a Competitive Weekend at West Point

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Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue Tennis Team started off the weekend strong going 3-1 in their first round of singles at West Point. Whitney King '25 and Abby Platt '26 saw victory in both of their matches, advancing to the A Flight quarterfinals after the first day.

This pair defeated UMass 6-2 and then Marist 6-1 to advance to the quarterfinals, competing against Syracuse on Saturday.

Platt and Tyne Miller '24 won their singles matches on Friday in the B Flight. Platt beat Colgate 6-4, 6-4. Miller beat Sacred Heart 6-2, 6-4 to claim victory.

Mirra Manolov '26 also was victorious, defeating Lehigh 6-1, 6-2 in the D Singles Flight. Madi Sebelsky '24 and Kate Novak '24 competed in the E Singles Flight, and they both received byes going into the

round of 16.

On Saturday, Sebelsky won twice in the E Singles Flight, advancing to the semifinals. Anna Lajos '25 had 2 victories in the A Singles consolation draw.

Despite efforts, Miller lost in her singles match on Saturday while competing in the B Flight. Novak was also beaten, losing her singles match and not being able to advance.

Miller spoke to The Bucknellian on the weekend.

"It was another great weekend for the team," she said. "It was our first time traveling this year and we already are making such great memories and bonding. We played some teams that we haven't seen before and had some awesome results. We are excited to go to Loyola this upcoming weekend for our last fall tournament."

Lajos advanced after her

consolation wins, beating Fordham 8-4 and Villanova 8-1. Lajos is set to play Fairfield in the semifinals on Sunday.

Sebelsky made it to the E Singles Semifinals, losing to Fairfield 7-6 (10-8), 6-4. The Fairfield competitor went on to win the E Singles Flight. Lajos also fell to Fairfield, the score being 8-6, in the A Singles consolation semifinals.

In the A Doubles Flight, King and Platt made it to the quarterfinals, but ultimately lost to Syracuse 6-2.

The Bison showed they are a force to be reckoned with. Even though the Bison eventually fell, there can only be one winner for each Flight, so it was a good start to travel-play.

The Orange and Blue Women's Tennis Team is back on the courts Friday through Sunday at the Loyola Invitational.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Tara Thomas '25



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### Profile

### Sport

Women's Golf

### Hometown

Erie, PA

### High School

Villa Maria Academy

Tara Thomas '25 and the Bison found success this past weekend, as they ended in what they soon discovered to be unprecedented territory in the history of Bucknell women's golf.

The team dominated the Bucknell Invitational Tournament with a school-record-tying 296 in Saturday's second round, and ended up leading the field by 15 strokes in their eventual win of the tournament. The Orange and Blue were led in this tournament by sophomore sensation Tara Thomas, who won the individual title in convincing fashion.

Thomas set 18 and 54-hole Bucknell scoring records, and even included her first career hole-in-one at the par-3 sixteenth hole. When asked if Thomas knew she would get off to such a great start, she stated that she knew she had always had room for improvement, and that this weekend was simply a result of her putting it together.

"I kept telling my coach and parents that I felt like I was leaving strokes out there," Thomas said. "I consistently came in with a decent average and score for every tournament, but I kept saying that I felt like I could get lower. This week I really just drilled with my coach and worked on the things I needed to work on and it all came together on the home course."

Thomas also mentioned her joy for her teammates when hearing about the rest of the team's success. There are only 10 members of the Bucknell Women's Golf team, which makes for a unique close-knit team. When further reflecting on the weekend, Thomas attributed her success to her teammates and coaches, as their preparation leading up to the tournament was a large part of their historic weekend.

"The way we compete in practice really allows for us all to get better. We are a small team but we all push each other and I think this year we have a renewed energy on the team. Having a new coach has allowed for us to implement new gameplans and practice strategies that she's brought, which has definitely led to us all getting better scores," Thomas said.

The inspired Bison have brought this new energy and channeled it directly onto the golf course, as the team scoring average of 306.6 through three tournaments is currently under the team record for low average in a fall season, which is 310.1 and was set in 2019. The team looks forward to continuing this historic hot start at Patriot League rival Navy's home Navy Fall Invitational in Annapolis, Maryland on Oct. 1 and 2.

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# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### The Future of College Sports

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On June 30 of this year, the University of South California (USC) and University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) left the PAC-12 conference for the Big 10.

The Big 10, typically a midwestern conference, is home to schools like Ohio State, Michigan and Penn State. This decision was made following the University of Texas and University of Oklahoma leaving the Big 12 for the SEC. These two conferences, the Big 10 and SEC, with arguably the biggest names in college football, have the potential to redefine the landscape of college sports.

This move may seem quite surprising at first, given the two schools are based in Los Angeles while the Big 10 is based mostly in the Midwest. From a fans perspective, this move is a bit of a

disappointment. Midwestern fans who were able to view their favorite teams at reasonable hours may now be stuck with games at 10 o'clock at night.

It might not be unreasonable to assume that not all fans will be willing to watch the entirety of the game, as many of these people need to consider the workday.

From a financial perspective, however, the move is almost obvious. The money and viewership both USC and UCLA will make off this move is significant. Football is financially the most important sport for schools, and introducing their teams into this conference will not only increase their competition in gameplay, but clock them into a larger fanbase than before. Big 10 schools, in addition, sponsor more sports than anyone else.

But how will this consolidation affect college sports? It's arguable that most college football talent now resides in the Big 10 and SEC, and a significant part of college athletics revenue comes from their television viewership. By consolidating the best teams into the same conferences, these schools will not only be increasing their views, but extraordinarily increasing the amount of money flowing into their athletic programs.

This money, in turn, can be used for improving facilities, coaching, technology, and other aspects of athletics that will only continue to improve these college programs. Consolidation, in simple terms, only increases the gap between the best and everyone else.

At this point, it would be near impossible for other schools to

catch up. Being at a financial disadvantage in collegiate athletics is more significant than it appears. Big 10 and SEC schools will have better facilities, better housing, better food and better technology. They can have more coaches, more trainers, better healthcare and high quality equipment. In addition, these schools, unlike schools with smaller budgets, are able to house, feed and train their athletes all year round. And this does not just include football. Most sports, including women's sports through Title IX, will also see a majority of the financial improvements through the consolidation of the SEC and Big 10 that other conferences cannot keep up with. This type of money has the potential to outrun the NCAA itself.

The only divide that really remains is between the conferences, and between networks. The Big 10, after several decades on ESPN along with the SEC, will now be transferred to CBS and Fox Sports in 2023. The SEC renewed their deal with ESPN in 2024 for over \$300 million dollars, according to Sports Illustrated, while the Big 10's deal with CBS and Fox Sports was signed for about \$50 million more.

In the end, divided between networks or not, the consolidation of the Big 10 and SEC conferences has the potential to change the landscape of college sports for good. The type of money that is being invested into these two conferences has the potential to turn these college athletics truly into a league of their own.



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## Bison Field Hockey Earns Second Patriot League Win

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The Bison Field Hockey Team returned home this past weekend after being on the road.

In their Patriot League home-opener, the Orange and Blue were relentless, coming from behind to beat Lafayette on Friday, Sept. 23. The Bison returned to the pitch on Sunday, Sept. 25 to face Drexel in a hard-fought defeat.

The Orange and Blue were fired up for their second Patriot League game of the season, under the lights at Graham Field. The first half did not see much action from either side, but it was in the second half that the Bison picked up.

The Bison earned eight penalty quarters within the first four minutes of the third quarter, getting seven shots off. Unable to capitalize, the Bison remained off the board. Instead, it was the Lafayette Leopards who responded five minutes later, taking the lead 1-0. The Orange and Blue were not ready to give up, however. Four minutes later, the Bison received two more penalty corners and this time Lily Nielson '25 slotted one in the back of the net.

Both teams entered the fourth quarter tied at 1-1. It wasn't until six minutes left that senior Kayla Kisthardt '23 put the game away for the Bison, scoring the game-winning off of another penalty corner. The Orange and Blue held the Leopards off the board for the final minutes, leading to

their 2-1 comeback victory.

The Bison were feeling good after their big league win, but the Drexel Dragons were eager for a win themselves. The Orange and Blue's season-high sixteen shot attempts were not enough to outscore the Dragons. Just over six minutes into the game, Drexel capitalized on one of three penalty corner attempts, giving them the early lead.

The Bison continued to attack, but the Dragons found themselves with another penalty corner at the very end of the first quarter, and managed to get in behind the Bison defense, securing a 2-0 lead. Both teams held each other scoreless for the remainder of the half. Entering the third quarter, Drexel earned another three penalty corners, and on the third one, they scored their third goal of the match. This would be the last goal of the game, leaving the Bison with a 3-0 defeat.

In speaking with Hope Davis '25, she said how "it was a great competitive weekend for us...and worked really hard as a team. We are looking forward to preparing for Colgate and Cornell at practice this week."

The Orange and Blue return on the road next weekend, as they are set to face Colgate on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 11 a.m. in Hamilton, N.Y. The team will then travel to Ithaca, N.Y. on Sunday, Oct. 2 for a 2 p.m. match at Cornell.

## The Bison Men's Tennis team had a Competitive Weekend at Binghamton

Hannah Stuck  
Contributing Writer

The Bison Men's Tennis Team fought well this past weekend at the Haggerty Championships, hosted by Binghamton University.

Harrison Gold '24 started off the weekend on a great note by getting two victories in his opening matches of the year. The First Team All-Patriot League selection won 6-2, 6-1 over Niagara. Brendan McDonald '26 hopped on the court with Gold, with the pair winning 6-1 in doubles over Army in the Green Flight.

Michael Owen '23 and Gui Padilha '26 also brought home a doubles win for the Bison on the opening day, beating Binghamton 7-5 in the White Flight.

On Saturday, Gold beat Army 5-7, 7-6, 10-5 in singles to advance to the finals in the Lane Flight. Gold ended the day in second place, falling to Siena 6-1, 6-7, 10-7.

Owen beat Colgate 6-4, 6-2, in the Pollard Flight, concluding his singles play. Ink Chen '23 and McDonald both fell in their singles matches on Saturday.

On Sunday, Gold and McDonald won over a Colgate doubles pair, but then the Raiders came back and beat them in the finals in the Green Flight.

In the White Flight, Owen and Padilha beat Siena's duo, but then

Siena got revenge on them in the finals 7-5.

"This weekend's performance was my first slice of competition since last spring after dealing with sickness and injury at the beginning of this semester so it was great to get some wins and be back out there with my teammates," Gold said. "It was also my first time playing under our new coach Jason Cohen who is an outstanding addition to our program. Bucknell Tennis is definitely a team to look out for this year with the addition of 4 amazing freshman players."

The Bison Men's Tennis team is back in action at Richmond's



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## Men's Golf Weekend at Yale

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Men's Golf traveled to Yale University for the MacDonald Cup this weekend, going up against elite competition: Minnesota, Harvard, Richmond, Michigan, St. John's, Fairfield, University of Pennsylvania, Hartford and Fordham.

Bucknell finished ninth out of eleven teams for the weekend, finishing at +45, placing ahead of Hartford and Fordham.

Jackson Bussell '23 finished as the low Bison for the tournament, carding a twelfth place finish with a final score of even par for the event. He finished nine strokes behind the winner from St. John's, who ended his weekend at -9.

Minnesota took home the team crown, finishing at +2 as a team after the three round event, two strokes ahead of Harvard, who took second place at +4. The Gophers and Crimson controlled the field throughout

the weekend, with Yale as the third place finisher coming in six strokes behind at +10.

Bussell had a consistent weekend with his round splits at 69, 72 and 69. Bussell came out of the gates hot with straight five first round birdies.

"I took advantage of some of the easier holes out there. Hit some good iron and wedge shots that led to close birdie chances and it just so happened consecutively," he said. Bussell continued his solid play and earned a top-15 finish because of it.

The next best score the Bison produced was from Andres Barraza '26 who landed a T30 finish at +8. Blake Wisdom '23 earned himself a T45 place at +12 coming off a spectacular previous weekend at the Cornell/Temple Invitational.

Bucknell struggled specifically on par 4's and par 5's this weekend, coming ninth in

average scoring on the par 4's (4.26) and par 5's (5.08). The team had a hard time taking opportunities for birdies, and made lots of mistakes leading to some high numbers.

Bussell spoke on the team "I think that our team just needs to be more avoidant of the big numbers, if you subtract our double bogeys or worse then we would finish a lot higher. Also our team collectively is not great at putting when looking back at our stats, and I believe the condition of the greens we practice on could be part of the reason for that problem," Bussell said.

Although the team has not been able to attack opportunities so far this season, plenty of individual stellar performances through the first few weekends gives the men's team the confidence they need to continue to improve. They are off this weekend, but host the Bucknell Invitational in Lewisburg the following week.



## “Diversity is a numbers game, inclusion is impact:” recapping the 2022 Student-Led Diversity Panel



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On Monday, Sept. 26, Bucknell Advocates for Diversity (B.A.D.) and First-Year Experience & Orientation hosted the first-ever Student-Led Diversity Panel. Despite the event being marketed primarily towards first-years, the entire Bucknell student body had the privilege of hearing the experiences of seven diverse student panelists.

I attended this panel with the intention of writing about it; I was listening for any particularly insightful thoughts or phrases. What I found was that everything the panelists shared was equally moving and powerful. I wish I could include everything they said in this piece, but unfortunately I am limited in word count.

There was one statement that stood out to me. Somtochi Ojiaku '25 said something so incredibly commanding that it inspired the title of this article. She said, “Diversity is a numbers game; inclusion is impact.”

Inspired is not a strong enough word to represent the feeling I had listening to the vulnerability and wisdom of these panelists. The audience heard the students' personal experiences on Bucknell's campus with regards to their identity and learned how we as a campus community have the power to either reinforce harmful stereotypes or create a community of support and inclusion.

The panelists, Iona Pitkin '25 (she/her/hers/they/them/theirs), Miguel Camacho '25 (he/him), Ibrahim Ware '24 (he/him), Gabby Diaz '25 (she/her), Minh Tran '25 (she/her), Somtochi Ojiaku '25 (she/her) and Camoni Mullins '25 (she/her), provided insight into what the realities for queer, Latin, Muslim, first-generation, lower income, Vietnamese, African-American, Catholic and Christian students are at Bucknell.

When asked, “How did you feel when you came to campus? Did you have any expectations, and how did they change over time?” Minh Tran answered from the perspective of an international student, saying, “I was scared because there's been a trend of Asian hate, Asian discrimination, but through my time here at Bucknell I've found my community, I have found resources to help me overcome a lot of challenges thanks to my VSA [Vietnamese Student Association] group as well as a lot of other Asian awareness organizations on campus.”

The general consensus from our panelists was that

Bucknell is a very intimidating place for anyone who doesn't identify as white or male. The time leading up to move-in is a scary experience for all incoming first-years, but this feeling is intensified when you know that you are walking into a space where you either don't know how to relate to the majority of the student body, or you have to hide the very identifiers that make you unique and special because white people can't handle them.

It is important to find your safe spaces and communities on campus, or as Pitkin coined them, your “pockets of love.” They are present at Bucknell, but it may take a little extra work to find them.

Ojiaku said, “Engineering is a predominantly white male dominated major. If I'm expressing my struggles in class (because I didn't have the same resources in high school), they will say, ‘just work harder.’”

Just work harder. What does this imply? This implies that the people on this campus have preconceived notions about minorities that they aren't willing to unlearn. Diaz alluded to this idea when she said, “For me, I feel like most of the conversations that I have regarding race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, gender identity, all of these different identities, occur in a classroom setting. It doesn't necessarily happen outside unless it's talking to other students of color.”

The problem with only having conversations in the classroom is that the classroom is not always a welcoming environment for minorities, especially when you're sitting in a room filled with white men. The onus shouldn't be placed on the members of marginalized groups to educate their oppressors on how to be better. The responsibility to learn, be better, and do better is in the hands of the oppressor.

Every panelist put things into a new perspective for audience members; I wish I could quote them all. I urge all of you readers to check out Bucknell's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion web page for access to resources related to anti-racism, accessibility, LGBTQ, religious and spiritual life, international students, and more.

I am confident that the entire audience left the Weis Center more informed and equipped to reflect on the impact that the lack of (and presence of) diversity and inclusion has on this campus.

## Poll: Which floor of the library is the best?



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Looking over the scenic Malesardi Quadrangle and is a building almost equally as astonishing — The Bertrand Library. Bucknell students can be seen across all five floors of the library from the early hours of the morning until late at night cramming to prepare for exams, writing papers and socializing with their friends. However, there is little agreement regarding which floor of the library is the “best.” We interviewed students to try to gain clarity on the subject.

Some of the student responses surprised us, as they had nothing to do with schoolwork at all. Connor Bennett '24 said, “well, first of all, when I want to be productive, I go to Academic West. When I want to talk to my friends and people watch, I go to the bottom floor of the library. There is always lively discussion there and I never get bored to the point where I actually start doing my homework.” Mia Sidlowski '24 said that she likes “The top floor because it's the silent floor, so no one can tell me to stop talking on the phone with my friends.”

Though not a clear winner,

the Second Floor seems to have a lot of popularity. “I love the second floor because it's quiet, has great sunlight, and you are encouraged to focus since everyone else is working,” Bernie Maramis '24 said. We personally agree, and have found the second floor to be the most relaxing yet motivating Bertrand space. Lauren Gershey '23 agreed. “The second floor is the best because it's quiet and I can really focus in the pods,” Gershey said. The new pods and isolated desks are a clear hit. “I like the second floor because the new seating is really nice and it's really quiet,” Tori Hall '24 said.

Following the second floor, the Main Floor and Lower Level One are most frequently chosen. Natalie Paganelli '23, maintains that “My favorite floor is the main floor, specifically the back left corner. I always see all my friends there and it makes my day better! Also, it's always nice to be close to the food.” In agreement with Natalie is Christina Steinberg '23. “The main floor is the only place I can get my work done. I like having the quiet chatter

of my fellow Bucknellians in the background while I do my work,” Steinberg said. Lilly Patterson '23, is our only interviewee in support of lower level one: “I like lower level one because of the anonymity; I can hide while I do my work.”

After interviewing fellow Bucknellians, the lack of consensus about which floor of the library is the best has only become more apparent. It is also clear that students use different criteria to assess which floor of the library is their favorite, creating an additional polling obstacle. Students make their choice based on a multitude of variables like: where they can people-watch the most, where they can quickly access food, where they can focus, where they can socialize with their friends and so on.

While a clear answer to the question of which library floor is the best remains unanswered, it is clear that The Bertrand Library itself seems to hold social and academic importance to students across the board, parlaying it to the top of the list of the most important locations on campus.

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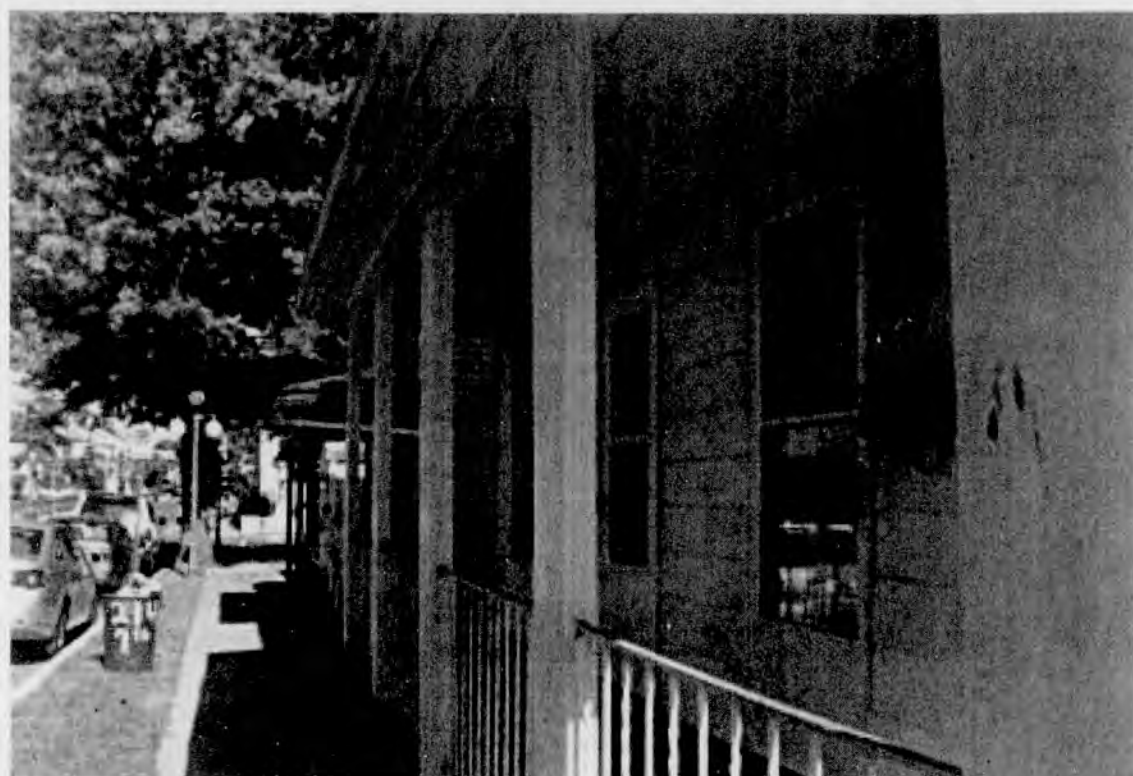
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## Housing the Herd: When Will Bucknell Make the Residential Student Experience a Priority?



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Bucknell University boasts its tight-knit relationships between administration, faculty and students. For the most part, this is true. There are plenty of opportunities for student engagement and involvement in critical decisions regarding campus life at Bucknell. However, there is one aspect of the student experience that the administration cannot seem to approach in an effective manner: housing.

Most students who come to Bucknell do not anticipate there to be so many roadblocks when it comes to acquiring appropriate housing. Bucknell is a small, private institution that seems like it would have the administrative apparatus and space to accommodate its roughly 4,000 students. But, rising sophomores, juniors and seniors know that this is not the case. In fact, it seems like the one thing students at this school can all agree with is that the housing process is time consuming, confusing and frustrating.

Rising seniors who are interested in living off-campus for their senior year have come face to face with the administrative shortcomings surrounding housing in recent weeks as they have been made aware of the transition from the housing

lottery system to a revamped approach.

Historically, rising seniors who wanted to live off-campus participated in a housing lottery — students would camp outside of real estate brokers on Market Street in hopes that they would receive a controlling number from housing services, enabling them to have priority access to acquire a downtown residence. This year, word got out that the lottery system had been eliminated, but there was no formal announcement from the school until this week, leading to chaos.

In a memo sent to students on Sept. 26, Housing Services briefly outlined the new protocol for applying for downtown housing and provided the details on information sessions offered to students navigating the process. However, many students argue that this was too little, too late. Some students had already spent nights sleeping outside on Market Street in an attempt to sign a lease, although we now know that this violates the new housing protocol. The administration's delayed response to students' questions about housing led to students unnecessarily putting themselves in harm's way and accidentally infringing upon the administration's rules.

One student who attended the information session voiced her opinion on the unfolding situation. Kalin Halstead '24 said, "the institution does not make our housing a priority which has a huge impact on students' mental and physical wellbeing. It's disorganized, particularly for the rising senior class. We already had enough housing stress with the Vedder situation from last year."

Halstead makes an astute observation here; this frustration and haphazard planning has impacted the class of 2024 already. Last year, sophomores were placed in freshman housing (Vedder Hall) due to room shortages, and later, after many students reported getting sick, the university came to the conclusion that there was mold present in many of the dorms. One student, Shayna Peart '24, who lived in Vedder as a sophomore, said, "for what we pay to attend Bucknell University, there shouldn't be this much stress surrounding housing."

Ultimately, the mayhem surrounding senior housing reveals a deficiency in Bucknell's approach to student residence. The administration needs to make serious changes to these processes in order to avoid student stress in the future.



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## Why don't we say, "hi?"

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You know when you're walking on the quad and you see someone you had an awesome conversation with at super. You're smiling. You're ready to ask them how their day is going—a catalyst to potentially make each other laugh again. Then they look you dead in the eye and don't mirror your smile. They even look at you in some type of way. You get sad. You're confused. You feel weird about feeling weird. You start overthinking everything. You try to remind yourself you don't need anyone to be happy on this campus; you don't need anyone's validation to know you're a bad-die; you don't need any of it...but none of it works.

The reason why most people on this campus refuse to acknowledge others is because we've normalized apathy. We actively discourage establishing genuine connections with others. The latter is heavily influenced by greek life and the exclusionary nature it projects onto our community; however, a lot of it also has to do with the fact that people at Bucknell are dealing with (serious) things on a daily basis.

Whether a person's relationship with the people at this school began well before arriving to campus (i.e. following anyone that had "Bucknell \*class year\*" in their bio) or during orientation when we were all rushed to the football field after convocation to play those weird games—everyone's sense of belonging has at one point been influenced by the growth-stunting precedent set by Bucknellians before us.

How do we overcome this? How do we make space for

others in our hectic lives? How do we make space for potential, for a brief moment of magic that can uplift us, for a friend we can call on during the most necessary moments—even the silly ones when we just need to laugh out loud. Literally.

Well...I definitely recommend reminding yourself that no one in this life has it all together (thank you, big MacDonald Commons sign). I also recommend paying attention to the energy around you; paying attention to the people that make you feel like you can be your authentic self. Also, paying attention to the moments/people that make you feel crappy (about yourself) is also important in taking the steps necessary to steer away from drama, BS and people that literally have no other ambition but to cause trouble.

Social anxiety is also very real; not to mention depression, bad days, trauma, negative experiences with people on this campus, etc. Therefore, I encourage you to not take it personally if someone doesn't extend the olive branch the way you expect them to. Life is extremely unpredictable to project our own expectations onto others—especially when we consider the aforementioned and the fact we will never be able to navigate each other's minds.

So... Take it easy. Be graceful. Set boundaries. Reach out. Smile a little more. Don't be afraid to ask someone to get coffee with you. Take advantage of the nice weather while it lasts. Don't take the people that are there for you for granted. Remember there's BS in everyone's lives...but there's always room for kindness.

## Bucknellian Trivia

**Q: How tall is the bridge that Tyler Keiser '21 helped contribute to during his time at Bucknell?**

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# Bringing the Art of Contra Dancing to Lewisburg

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## What is Contra Dancing?

Contra dancing is a social dance that originates from England and France, but has now made its name as an American dance form as well. This folk dance, similar to square dancing, is “called,” meaning that a caller will announce the moves and no prior memorization of the moves is required. The caller of the dance calls out the movements in time with the music, and the dancers follow according to their role.

Contra dancing is a partnered dance and is arranged in a line with two pairs of dancers across from each other. The dance consists of a set of moves that are called, leading the dancers up and down the two lines. A partnered pair will perform the called moves with another couple, their temporary “neighbors,” before moving past that pair to meet a new set of neighbors.

All of the moves are walked through before the official dance is performed, and then the moves are repeated until the music stops. The live music and in-person calling allows for the dancers’ needs to be met, so the music can be slowed or quickened, and calls will be repeated as long as the caller feels the dancers need them. The caller is also able to choose a dance that they feel is best suited for the skill set of the dancers.

While other social partner dances such as swing dancing have binary power dynamics involved in the roles of “lead” and “follow,” Contra dancing is different. There are two different roles in the dance, but they only marginally differ from each other, and many dancers switch roles from dance to dance. As a social dance, dancers are encouraged to ask different people to dance throughout the night, and it is not required that one bring a partner. Due to the social nature of the dance, attendees are sure to meet someone new.



## When and Where

Contra dancing events in Lewisburg are organized by the Countryside Contra Dance group. Betsy Noyce and Jeff Scheckter handle booking the venue, caller and musician, but the group is less of an official organization and more just a group of people who want to dance together. The events usually attract 20 to 45 dancers, with dancers ranging from preschool age to over 80 years old. This variety of ages only goes to show how easy it is for anyone to learn the dance.

The next Contra Dance will be on Oct. 8, from 7–10 p.m. at the Donald Heiter Community Center, 100N Fifth Street, in Lewisburg. Hilton Baxter will be the caller, and live music will be performed by the band Unbowed. Admission is \$10 for adults, free for under 16, and \$5.00 for students with proof of student ID.

It is recommended that participants wear comfortable clothing that is easy to move in, and it is asked that people wear soft-soled shoes that won’t mark up the floors. Proof of vaccination is required to dance, and dancers must wear an N95 or KN95 mask at all times while inside the venue. First time dancers receive a coupon to come back to another dance at no charge. There will be a dance held on the second Saturday of each month, except for summer months, and more information is available on Facebook on their page.

## Bring Social Dance to Bucknell

Charlie Buckwalter ’23, had been involved in social dance prior to coming to Bucknell, and was excited to discover that Contra dance would be taking place in Lewisburg.

They spent the days leading up to the event asking their friends to join them at this event, eager to get others involved. At the most recent Contra dance on September 20, Buckwalter met an incoming Bucknell student, Emma Kristjanson-Gural, who shared their interest in contra dancing and they agreed that they wanted to bring social dance to campus.

The two are currently in the process of forming a social dancing club that will hopefully be in full swing this coming Spring semester. The goal is for the club to meet twice a week, with one meeting consisting of learning and practice and the other meeting being on the weekend in order to transport members to nearby social dances in locations such as State College, Harrisburg or Lancaster.

While the club currently has no specific social dance focus, it is being arranged so that it can change focus to specific social dances such as Contra, Lindy Hop, Salsa, Blues, Fusion or Bachata as it changes hands in the future.

One of the elements of Contra dancing that has attracted Buckwalter are the unique roles that differ from other forms of social dance.

“The roles are a lot less strict, and they’re a lot easier to learn, than in most partner dancing,” Buckwalter said. “In most partner dancing, when there’s only two people dancing together, there’s a lot of pressure put on the lead to initiate every move... and it also pressures men into taking on this role.”

Most partner dances, because of their historic roots in gendered societies, are designed around a male and female dance pair. While Contra dancing originally used the terms “Gents” and “Ladies,” many dance communities have taken on genderless terms such as “Robins” and “Larks.”

Since the names of the roles are important for callers and dancers alike, some dance venues are reluctant to change terminology. However, since Contra dancing does not have unique footwork patterns for different roles, it’s easier for dancers to switch between these roles than in some other dance scenes.

Instead of relying on a specific partner like a “lead” when one gets lost, new dancers receive guidance from the caller and the surrounding dancers. With that, another appeal that strikes Buckwalter is the learnability of the dance.

“If you don’t know what’s happening, you just look around. It’s like crowd surfing... like everyone will gently guide you where you need to go, and it’s really nice to be led by everyone else if you’re lost. One of the local dances I went to in Harrisburg... I think their logo on their website was, ‘If you can count to four and walk, you can Contra dance.’”

Contra dancing is for anyone and everyone, and the Countryside Contra Dance group said they’d be delighted if students joined them at their upcoming dance.







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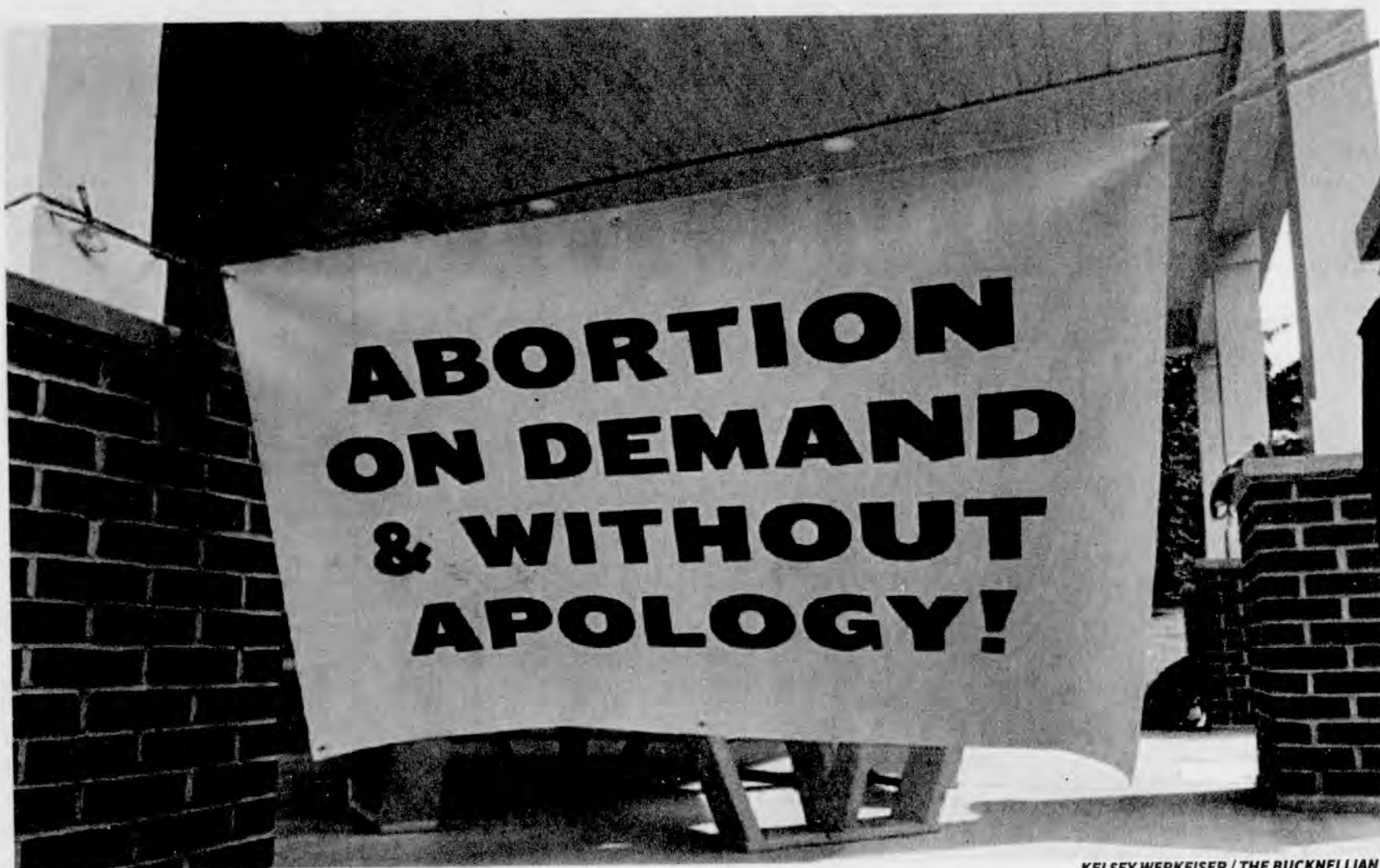
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## Faculty and staff host abortion teach-in for students

**Kelsey Werkheiser**  
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With the decision regarding the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health case, the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade on June 24.

This landmark case had protected abortion rights since 1973, and in the wake of the new ruling, groups across the United States have organized protests and marches in opposition.

This movement has made its way to Bucknell's campus in the form of academic discussion.

On Sept. 30 from 12–2 p.m., members of faculty and staff organized for an abortion teach-in at the Rooke Science Center pavilion.

Erica Delsandro, assistant professor of Women's and Gender Studies and an organizer of the event, said that the group came together "rather organically as we were preparing to return for the fall semester."

"We all hold deep convictions about abortion access and reproductive justice," Delsandro said. "We were committed to showing up for our students and each other

in the wake of this disappointing legal paradigm shift."

"In part, we wanted to give students space to discuss the recent Supreme Court decision and its consequences as well as demonstrate that members of the campus community are concerned and will support students in their efforts to increase their knowledge, organize a collective response, support each other, etc.," Delsandro said.

Other organizers of the event include Kate Bermingham, Dannah Dennis and Rabbi Jessica Goldberg.

The teach-in began with short talks from a variety of speakers, and then transitioned into group discussions. As attendees sat down at the pavilion tables, they were provided with stickers, informational papers and supplies for making posters as inspired by recent protests.

Dennis, visiting assistant professor of Sociology & Anthropology, set the tone by talking about abortion access in the context of reproductive justice.

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## Solar panel project opening ceremony on Thursday

**Michael Taromina**  
Contributing Writer

*Editor's note: This article was published in print on Oct. 07, the day after the event.*

Bucknell University is known for many things—stellar academics, superb facilities and superior athletics, but one aspect of the college that is increasing in size and scope is the campus' focus on green and renewable energy.

On Oct. 6 at 2 p.m., Bucknell University will host a public dedication of the 1.76 peak megawatt solar array on the project site between Bucknell Golf Club and Art Barn Complex off of Smoketown Road, along with their partner Encore Renewable Energy of Burlington, Vt.

The event will celebrate the operation of the array, which will supply up to seven percent of the University's electricity and will move Bucknell

a step closer to achieving climate neutrality goals, such as being carbon neutral by 2030.

"We expect the project to be complete and producing power by the end of October," said James Knight, Energy and Utilities Specialist. "It is 99% complete, but we are waiting for one piece of electrical equipment to be delivered due to supply chain issues. It took several years of design, permitting, and construction to get to this point."

Dedication speakers will include Bucknell President John Bravman; Chad Farrell '92, founder and CEO of Encore Renewable Energy; Bucknell student Colton Jiorle '25, Bucknell project manager and an East Buffalo Township supervisor; and a representative from Greenbacker Capital Management, which has provided funding for the project. They will also participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"The project will help marginally reduce the University's

carbon footprint and supply power at a lower cost than purchasing from the grid," according to Knight.

Encore Renewable Energy is a community-scale renewable energy project developer. Founded in 2007 as Encore Redevelopment, their team specializes in the design and construction of solar and energy storage projects on open land.

In addition to achieving Bucknell sustainability goals, the project will enhance opportunities for renewable-energy focused teaching and research across multiple disciplines. It will additionally generate property tax revenues to East Buffalo Township, provide Bucknell with price certainty on energy rates for the next several decades and strengthen the region's commitment to the production and use of renewable energy.

"Completing this solar array has been a long process,

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## STUDENT SUMMER RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT: Charlie Cameron '23

**Bridgette Simpson**  
News Editor

The Bucknell College of Engineering hosted their research symposium for students who participated in undergraduate research on Sept. 30.

The symposium is intended to let professors, other students, alumni and board members track students' progress and learn more about their research projects.

Charlie Cameron '23, who studies Mechanical Engineering, conducted summer research with Professor M. Laura Beninati, and examined fluid mechanics—which refers to the study of the movement of fluids in a system. Cameron's work dealt specifically with the fluid mechanics of turbomachinery, which was applied to a vertical axis turbine intended for power generation.

"I asked Professor Beninati if I could participate in summer research, and I began hashing out if the Mechanical Engineering Department would be able to support my vision for the project as well as housing," Cameron said. "It was a pretty straightforward process, overall."

He said his original plans fell more in line with serving as an intern over the summer, but he ended up being satisfied with the change in plans.

"I'm very lucky to have gotten the opportunity to work with Professor Beninati. I really appreciated the chance to learn more about fluid mechanics and how to work with external customers unaffiliated with the university," Cameron said.

Cameron's work for the summer began by picking up an unfinished senior design project. He continued the project, which had begun with the design and testing of a vertical axis fixed blade pitch turbine in an

effort to create a new method of hydroelectric power generation.

The device looks like four vertical blades attached to a large pole, which then spins a system that measures the torque of energy production, similar to a wind turbine.

Cameron spent his summer consulting with the customer to ensure proper modifications and alterations of the device designed to generate power were adequately carried out. He also designed tests to make sure the device generated power at the level they deemed efficient.

Cameron also spent time learning about the mathematical theory behind the project in order to best understand the mechanics of said project and device. This also helped him join the things he had learned in classes and apply it to the project, research and development of the poster Cameron presented at the September symposium.

"I got to meet some alumni who seemed really interested in my work, and I had the opportunity to show my friends and peers what I had worked on so hard over the summer," Cameron said of the symposium.

Cameron shared that one thing that surprised him about working with an external customer was that he was able to get more experience with the commercial viewpoint of engineering rather than purely academic.

"It was cool to see how I can apply what I've learned in my classes at Bucknell to the real world upon graduation in May," Cameron said.

Cameron also said that he would like to thank Jan Schmid '23 for his significant contribution to the project. He said that Schmid played an integral role in the completion of their project and recording of findings, as well as made Cameron's 10 weeks of research much more enjoyable.



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# breaking the bubble

Bridgette Simpson  
News Editor

## DOMESTIC

Elon Musk has backtracked, choosing to honor his original deal to buy Twitter. Twitter sued Musk for backing out of the deal worth approximately \$44 billion. It would have cost Musk over one billion dollars to back out of the legal case, and it is still uncertain what his motivation for changing his decision is, whether it be to delay the trial or to make amends.

Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa was hit hard with a concussion Thursday, Sept. 29, leaving him disoriented and with severe head and neck injuries. For the second time in five days, Tagovailoa was forced out of a game due to a head injury. This has brought scrutiny on the league's lack of consideration for player safety, causing controversy and uproar among fans and NFL supporters alike.

## INTERNATIONAL

An avalanche in the Indian Himalayas killed at least four people on Tuesday, Oct. 4, according to CBS. 33 people in total were trapped in a crevasse, but several were rescued. Due to bad weather and connectivity issues, helicopters were delayed or put on standby while attempting to rescue those trapped. The group of people was made up of mountaineering trainees and instructors.

Italy's first female Prime Minister, Giorgia Meloni, puts Italy the farthest right-wing it has leaned since the fall of Benito Mussolini during World War II. Fratelli D'Italia, Brothers of Italy in English, is the far-right conservative party that was founded by Meloni. One of her most prominent election campaign promises is preventing immigration to Italy, instilling uncertainty in Italy's future regarding blockades, documentation processes and migration.

# ABORTION TEACH-IN

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This talk encouraged attendees to think of ways that reproductive justice expands beyond just abortion rights. For example, she said reproductive justice also encompasses the right to decide to have a child, disparities in healthcare and a lack of resources for mothers to support their children.

"I was motivated to help organize this event for a few reasons," Dennis said. "First, reproductive justice is important to me, not only for personal reasons, but also because it's a central theme of my work as an anthropologist of gender and citizenship."

She also said she believes in the power of collective action and working towards a common goal with other like-minded people because it can be a "refreshing and energizing experience."

"Finally, as a relatively new member of the faculty at Bucknell, helping to organize this event allowed me to connect with people across the university and to feel more like

a member of a community," Dennis said.

Birmingham, assistant professor of Political Science, focused her talk on the legal context of the recent Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health decision. She explained the wide-scale implications of the recent decision, and also elaborated on other cases besides Roe v. Wade that had set precedent for abortion rights and access.

Amber Brown, a representative from Planned Parenthood spoke about the abortion options that the organization offers. She also spoke about how there are often variations in laws from one location to another, which affects what services they are able to offer based on where a mother is in the timeline of the pregnancy.

Rabbi Goldberg, Jewish Chaplain and another organizer of the event, knew that she wanted to be involved with the event because her "tradition compels [her] to pursue justice."

"Throughout the planning process, I found so much comfort and inspiration in creating something powerful with wise, generous, fierce colleagues," Goldberg said. "I know this is just the beginning and we will continue to gather partners amongst the faculty, staff, and student body."

As the organizers had hoped, the event attracted a variety of attendees that were just as passionate about the event as they were. Iona Pitkin '25, an attendee of the event, found the talk especially relevant in the context of being a college student.

"It is unclear if Bucknell student insurance provides abortion resources, and the general process is confusing," Pitkin said. "It was refreshing to have the speaker from Planned Parenthood go through the process completely, clear up any misconceptions, and overall provide clarity... This is necessary foundational learning that must happen for the changes that need to be made."

# SOLAR PANELS

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requiring the efforts of numerous people," Knight said. "The clean, renewable energy it contributes to the grid will benefit both the University and the local community. It also provides a great opportunity for student education and research in this rapidly expanding field."

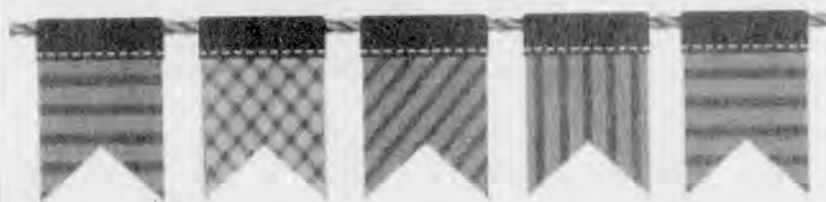
The location for the array provides prime sun exposure and is not in close proximity to residential properties. The project consists of south-facing panels tilted at 25 to 30 degrees, with a maximum height of nine feet. The seven acre array of panels are surrounded with an agricultural fence to ensure safety. The site has also been replanted with pollinator friendly vegetation between the panels to attract bees, butterflies and

other species critical to future food security.

According to Knight, several classes have already toured the site to learn more about renewable energy development. He expects there will be many opportunities for teaching and research for our students, but nonetheless, it is already making an impact on the undergraduates just through its conception.

"As a Bucknell University graduate, I am proud to see my alma mater advancing this important project," said Farrell. "This project is an example of how Bucknell is leading the way among academic institutions in both decarbonization as well as providing avenues for hands-on learning for students poised to enter the clean energy workforce."

# Five things to do this weekend



Kyra DeVoe  
Staff Writer

While Bucknell students tend to love Bucknell, there always comes a time for every student when they feel the need to get off-campus. Leaving campus for a daytime or nighttime excursion can be rejuvenating, and only make your love for Bucknell grow stronger. Here are five things to do off-campus this weekend.

## Watch a movie at AMC Selinsgrove

The Lewisburg movie theater is near and dear to every Bucknell student's hearts, but sometimes they do not offer all the movies students want to see. AMC Selinsgrove has a wide selection of films, making it worth the 20 minute drive. The movie theater is currently showing "Don't Worry Darling," "Top Gun: Maverick" and "Bullet Train," just to name a few. This is a perfect activity for a Friday or Saturday night for students to take their mind off all the midterm tests and projects that were due this week.

## Take a hike at Dale's Ridge

Dale's Ridge is just a short drive from Bucknell's campus, but this nature-filled hike will make students feel miles and miles away. The hike takes about an hour there and back. The hike is at an incline, so once hikers reach higher elevations they'll witness views of the landscape from above. Hikes are a great way to reconnect with nature and yourself. "It's nice to be out in nature and away from all the people. Take some time for yourself this weekend and spend some time in nature," Senior Charlie Cameron said.

## Go bowling at Imperial Lanes in Milton

Bowling isn't only a fun pastime, it's also a sport. Exercise your arms and bring a few friends down to the lanes. A little friendly competition never hurt anybody. Imperial Lanes is a favorite of Bucknell

students for many reasons. Bowling allows students to relieve stress, hang out with their friends off campus and overall just have a good time. When deciding what to do this weekend, don't overlook the option of heading to Milton and hitting the Lanes.

## Visit Community Aid in Selinsgrove

It's no surprise that Bucknell students love to shop. Lewisburg is filled with cute boutiques and there's always the bookstore. But after a couple months on campus you are probably looking for somewhere else to shop. Community Aid in Selinsgrove is a secondhand store filled with every type of clothing imaginable. Not only is Community Aid an exciting new place for students to explore, it's also an environmentally conscious choice to shop there. Rather than continuously buying new clothes, buying clothes second-hand helps to curb the phenomenon of fast fashion. Fast fashion has disastrous effects on the environment, so before buying clothes from Shein or Boohoo, students should stop at Community Aid and see if there's anything they may like.

## Get a coffee at Wagon Tail Coffee Co.

Located in Allenwood, Pa., Wagon Tail started as a coffee shop out of the owner's mobile trailer. In recent years, the coffee shop has done so well that they built their own permanent location and expanded their barista team. The coffee is to die for, and the breakfast food is just as delicious. The apple cider donuts are a perfect fall treat. Grab a couple friends on a Sunday morning, queue up a good playlist and head out to Allentown.

It's clear that there's more to do off campus than meets the eyes. This week, be brave and venture off the confines of Bucknell's campus. Students will be pleasantly surprised.

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## Four questions with new vice president of Human Resources



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Bucknell welcomed Nicole Whitehead to its campus this semester as the new Vice President of Human Resources.

Prior to Bucknell, Whitehead worked as the chief human resources officer at Joliet Junior College, director of human resources and community engagement at Sweet Briar College and as a human resources training and organizational development officer at Catawba Valley Community College.

She received her bachelor's of science in business and her master's of business administration from Lewis University. Whitehead continued to pursue her education and earned a doctorate in education degree in higher education and organizational change from Benedictine University.

"We welcome Dr. Whitehead's experience as a human resources visionary as we emerge from the pandemic and navigate today's evolving workplace," President John Bravman said in a July press release. "Her experience as a proven DEI leader will also help guide our community as we seek to achieve key University diversity initiatives outlined in The Plan for Bucknell 2025."

The Bucknellian asked Whitehead a few questions about her background and her time at the University so far, which she answered in an email.

### What inspired you to pursue a career in human resources and diversity equity and inclusion?

"I actually did not know I wanted to work in human resources; I spent the first half

of my career in banking and e-commerce senior leadership. While working in that space, I was drawn to committees and projects related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice. My first 'big' project related to HR was building a talent development and mentoring program that encompassed all levels of the organization with a specific focus on identifying minority employees and women that were high potentials for promotion. I began to have conversations with employees through focus groups and 1:1s to learn that so many did not feel a sense of belonging or value. The stories shared with me revealed my personal lack of intercultural competence to navigate what was being shared with me appropriately. I then began my journey to increase my personal knowledge of DEIBS and seek how I could make a difference from my seat. During this time, I embraced my purpose to help others. Specifically in the HR space, to help others remove barriers that prevent them from showing up 'whole' with equitable access to excellent pathways. It means a lot to me for people to be seen and valued for who they are, not just what they can do."

### How has your time at Bucknell been so far?

"It has been busy for sure; I am learning and listening a lot; I have met some amazing people. We are in the midst of a shifting landscape in higher ed employment and this is a challenging yet exciting time to be a human resources professional. I have an amazing group of human resource professionals that I am

blessed to engage and thought partner with daily. Everyone that I have met has been transparent about successes and challenges; which excites me about our capacity for reimagined excellence in our present as well as our future."

### What drew you to Bucknell and what do you think makes Bucknell special?

"Who wouldn't want to work at Bucknell? I saw the impact on students' lives through the mission, education and overall experience at Bucknell. I experienced the people that are graced to do this work during my interview; from the groundskeepers, public safety, faculty, staff, etc and I thought, what a grand idea to take my experiences and add them to the remarkable talent already at Bucknell to continue to make a difference in students, employees and the community members lives. Truthfully, the work at Bucknell helps me to fulfill my sense of purpose by helping people unleash what makes them uniquely phenomenal as well."

### What are your goals for your future here at Bucknell as the Vice President of Human Resources?

"Goals would include retaining our talent and attracting new ones through programming, benefits, and engagement strategies; collaborating across the university to conquer the 'hard stuff' that creates barriers to an inclusive environment for all employees and students; lastly creating spaces for everyone to connect, learn, engage and have fun in the process."

## Bucknellian Trivia

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## 10 years ago in The Bucknellian: Q & A with Chris Martine, passionate botanist

Elizabeth Bacharach  
Senior Writer

Associate Professor of Biology, Chris Martine, has been named the David Burpee Chair in Plant Genetics and Research at the University. Martine, a professor of botany at SUNY Plattsburgh for six years, aided in the creation of the first student chapter of the Botanical Society of America. Martine is the author of two books, many peer-reviewed publications and is in the process of creating the third episode of his series "Plants Are Cool, Too!" which teaches the public about botany in a light-hearted way. The Bucknellian sat down with him recently to find out more about his interest in botany.

### As a child, how did you know you wanted to focus on botany when you grew up? What intrigued you about the topic?

"Like a lot of children interested in nature, my first love was animals. I can remember being asked in third grade what I wanted to be, and I said 'Jane Goodall, the famous primatologist.' Even though I spent a lot of time in my mother's gardens as a child, I didn't really see how special plants were until I got to college. That's when I took courses that helped me to realize that I was not only surrounded by interesting plants full of cool stories, but that my existence as a living organism on this planet owes a lot to their presence."

### What is a typical day like as Professor/Dr. Martine?

"I have a family, so every day begins and ends with them. And I also ride my bike to work each day. Outside of that, nearly every day is different—which is one of the wonderful things about being a college professor and scientist."

### What do you hope to accomplish as a professor here at the University?

"My main goal is to work with Dr. Mark Spiro to establish Bucknell University as having one of the most well-regarded undergraduate botany programs in the country. When someone says, 'Who is doing great plant-related things with undergrads?', I want Bucknell to be part of the answer."

### What does it mean to you to be the next David Burpee Chair in Plant Genetics and Research here at the University?

"I am honored to have been chosen for this position for a host of reasons, including the impressive career achievements of the

previous Burpee Chair, Dr. Warren Abrahamson. I left a job I really liked (at SUNY Plattsburgh) in large part because this position offers me the potential to make a greater impact in my field than was possible there."

### What was your inspiration for the show "Plants Are Cool, Too!"?

"Seven or eight years ago, I started thinking that one of the reasons why biologically-inclined young people don't find much interest in plants is that there are no TV shows about them. One can find shows about animals on multiple channels at any time on most days. But, outside of the occasional gardening show, nothing about plants. Certainly nothing that compares to shows like 'Crocodile Hunter' or things like that. It seemed to me that there had to be room for a fun and smart show about the cool plants of the world. So I started telling people I wanted to make that show ... and be the host of that show."

### Why do you think the world needs to know that plants are cool, too?

"I mentioned in class earlier in the semester the concept of 'plant blindness,' the idea that many people don't really see the plants around them. We all see the green, but it doesn't look like much else to us. You can walk around this campus over the course of a summer day and find literally hundreds of species of plants, but only if you know how to see them and are willing to look. This is my goal, to help people see the green stuff that is all around them every minute of every day, because there is an amazing world just beyond our cell phone screens that is worth knowing about."

### What is some advice you would give to University students, those studying botany/biology and those not?

"It's not just about the grades. It's about learning new things and becoming knowledgeable. This is a time in your life, maybe the last time, when your number one job is to learn and our number one job, as your professors, is to help you do that! That is a sweet deal, if you ask me. So use this time to really learn some things, not just check off the boxes and get your degree."

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## Fall Break starts early as students start ditching classes

AJ Lawrence  
Senior Writer

It's fall break and everyone on campus is wondering: how do I spend my four days, free from class and other responsibilities? Many students are excited, planning to go home and relax or go to fun vacation spots, while those stuck on campus for sports or because they live too far away are just happy to relax in their dorms. But those traveling are so excited that some students started Fall Break early by ditching class.

Traditionally, students will skip classes the Friday Fall Break starts because most professors don't hold tests or quizzes, and any night classes held after the break starts at 6 p.m. should be canceled anyway. Professors always insist that students still need to go to classes that day, that it's necessary for their attendance and class participation grades, or that they'll be learning something new. It never gets people to show and students who do go to classes that day will notice a sizable drop in attendance when others don't show up. However, this year it seems like students are kicking it up a notch by ditching classes one to five days before the break starts!

Starting Monday, many professors got emails from a student or two saying they'd be missing class due to sudden illness or injury. Professors have been receiving similar emails for weeks with the start of cold and flu season, so nothing seemed out of the ordinary. As Tuesday and Wednesday rolled around, the amount of "Sorry

Professor, I can't make it to class today," emails tripled. By the time it was Thursday, Professors reported that half the students were missing from their classes.

Most of the excuses students provided were illness related, but as more emails were sent, the reasons varied more. Having sent similar emails hundreds of times before, some students said they had to miss class to finish up work and projects for that class and others. Others went further with the foolproof death of a family member or childhood pet reason, expressing the need for time to mourn. Professors were upset about the amount of students missing class, but none of them wanted to be known as "that awful professor" who required students to come to class while struggling with mental or physical health issues. Trying to ask a student for proof of a family death just screams uncaring boomer.

But other students noticed what was going on, regularly refreshing Instagram and Snapchat to see more and more posts from their classmates who left campus early. Videos of car rides and photos of reuniting with pets made it obvious to everyone where their classmates were. Not all the students were lying; some were actually complaining online about being sick, but the proof never made it to their professors. Just because those stuck on campus were jealous, they weren't going to snitch either, knowing that their classmates would cover for them if their positions were flipped.

## Here are two new Caf dining celebrations

Hayley Leopold  
Contributing Writer

Although Bucknell's students seldom agree on anything, there is one indisputable fact that receives no opposition: Whoever is on aux at the Caf deserves a raise.

Recently, Bostwick workers have taken student requests to add to their playlists. These requests have resulted in "The Harlem Shake", "Let it Go" and even the German national anthem gracing students' ears as they munch. Bostwick workers were particularly moved when Bucknell's student body belted all of the words to the German national anthem, inspiring them to hold Oktoberfest to celebrate German heritage this past Wednesday.

The Oktoberfest celebration featured a German-themed menu, introducing students to traditional German cuisine including schinkennudeln and three different types of sauerkraut. The regular dining playlists were set aside as Bostwick welcomed a German band to serenade visitors. Students joyously sang along, using their bratwursts as makeshift microphones. Following the success of Oktoberfest, the caf decided to add two additional dining celebrations into the mix.

The first event will occur right before winter break. Bostwick wishes to highlight Festivus that week, which is the Seinfeld-contrived celebration that takes the place of Christmas. As many know, this holiday swaps the Christmas tree for a festive aluminum pole. To properly honor this tradition, the caf will again abandon their beloved playlists and welcome members of Aerosmith to play a heavy-metal set. Keeping with the metal theme, everything served this day will

come from metal cans that have been graciously donated by the Langone's. The first course will include delicious canned omelet and french toast purees.

If this is not incentive enough, the first 300 students to arrive will be awarded their very own aluminum poles to replace their LEDs as chic room decor! The lunch special will be SPAM soufflé, and Bostwick will offer canned beef in gravy for dinner. Although Festivus will be a one-day cafeteria celebration, university water fountains provide students with sufficient aluminum intake to continue the celebration year-round.

Set to take place on March 15, the caf plans to honor National Shoelace Day with a strictly cylindrical spread to mimic shoelaces' long and thin structure. For breakfast, students will enjoy platters of deep fried asparagus sticks. Those with a sweet tooth can also grab a scrumptious banana/corn smoothie from the smoothie bar. Don't fret if you miss breakfast, because Bostwick's diligent chefs will serve hot dog kabobs for lunch!

For dinner, students will be offered only spaghetti dishes, so those who are gluten-free will have to wait until dessert if they are hungry. Dinner will include a spaghetti tying competition during which students will race to see who can craft the longest spaghetti noodle chain in two minutes. The winner will be awarded 15 meal swipes, which will ultimately be rendered useless when they choose to eat all of their meals at the Bison anyways. The meal will conclude with a build-your-own Twizzler station that allows students to customize their very own Twizzler flavors.

## Wholesome! Department professors align midterm dates for same day

Maximus Bean  
Satire Editor

Although midterms are a large source of stress for students, they often weigh heavily on the professors who grade them as well. That is why it is often so awe-inspiring to see these brave men and women collaborate to make their own lives easier. The past five weeks on campus have been fraught with activity, both with students and their hours upon hours of homework, and professors and their various preparations for class.

As it turns out, several professors from different departments (English, Philosophy, Biology, Engineering, Women's Studies) got together before the semester began and painstakingly adjusted their class schedules for one reason and one reason alone: to assign all of their students' midterms on the exact same day.

Why would they possibly do this? As it turns out, it makes

the workload easier. By ensuring their students submit everything on the same day, the professors could prepare for the onslaught of tests and ensure that their students have much respite before their potentially awful grades are handed back.

"It's a near-perfect system," Professor of Economics Fitz B. Goode said. "For us, anyways. Sure the students have a little extra work on their plate, but we have full faith in our student body to handle the work assigned to them." Professor Goode had apparently assigned his students a 27-page paper (with properly formatted footnotes) on the history and current state of the stock market.

When a correspondent emailed some of his students about this project and their mental health, the replies were

not as optimistic as the professor had predicted.

One student sent them a long string of text that was quickly rendered untranslatable, before they emailed again and apologized, saying they had fallen asleep on their keyboard. Another student sent in a response entirely in caps lock. The third sent back a detailed and polite message saying that if the Satire section ever thinks about emailing him again, he will, "bring down wrath unlike anything humanity has seen before upon thee." Very nice chap otherwise.

Nevertheless, the paper wishes these many students the best of luck as their assignments snowball towards the exact same day. We are sure this will not result in any trouble whatsoever, and we wish everyone a Happy Fall Break.

## Bucknell Farm secedes from campus, University offers "plant" as new foreign language

Aaron Chin  
Senior Writer

This week, in a shocking twist, the Bucknell Farm has seceded from the university, surprising everybody on campus. On the surface, relations between the University and the farm have been great of late; many classes here offer class visits to the farm, the farm frequently has events on its premises and the people at the farm often work on great initiatives.

However, there has been one major source of friction between the University and the farm; starting this year, many universities started offering "plant" (PLNT 101) as a foreign language, but Bucknell was late to the game on this front.

This recent pattern can be traced back to famous American singer/songwriter Robert Plant. During one of his last live performances, Plant spoke into the microphone, saying "C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>72</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Mg!"

C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>72</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Mg! " (C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>72</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Mg is the chemical formula for chlorophyll). The crowd was immediately confused by this, and they started booing. "I am speaking plant to you all, now. I hope you all can understand; speaking plant is the way of the future. It is the way in which all of humanity's problems can be solved. Racism, sexism, and bigotry can be solved by speaking plant. World hunger can be solved by the language of the plant. We can achieve world peace by speaking plant," spoke Plant.

Plant's speech made waves in the academic community, and universities everywhere started to offer "plant" as a foreign language. However, Bucknell was somewhat resistant to this idea. President John Bravman, at a recent press conference, said, "Why? Just... why?"

However, the people over at the farm said that they will be seceding indefinitely due to the University's resistance. Now due to this departure, Bravman has spoken out saying, "After a long wait, we will now be offering plant language courses here on campus. I apologize for my shortsightedness. We must learn the ways of the plant. We must be one with the plant. The plants are the stem to humanity's leaf."

Several students have really taken to this. Many plant language classes have already been filled up, leaving many others disappointed. Some students are so into the language that they have started drinking chlorophyll-infused water and dying their skin green. The future between the University and the farm remains to be seen. We here at the Bucknellian we keep you chloro-filled in on the details!

## Professor Brent Papson starts up "Event Prep 101" class next semester

Maximus Bean  
Satire Editor

While many of us know and love Brent Papson, that guy who always sends us emails about on-campus events, something few people know is that he's going to be teaching a class in the spring.

As it turns out, Mr. Papson is actually a full-blown unlicensed professor, and the university is looking to utilize his skills on event planning and organization.

It's set to take place during the Spring semester as a partial credit class under the business major. The syllabus for this class, which wasn't stolen from his mailbox, said that, "Students will learn valuable skills, such as time management, team coordination, impressing the higher-ups, and rain dancing. Remember all of those rainy days last semester? Yeah, you're welcome."

The course itself would be a single hour a week, with only one or two papers assigned based on his emailing schedule. In fact, students would potentially be able to draft his prominent Thursday emails for him. Of course, this is going off of a syllabus that may or may not be implemented next semester, so really everything is up in the air.

When we asked "Professor" Papson about this development, he said, "How did you get in my mail?" In other words, there is no further development on this class as of now. The satire section may be locked out of Stuck House for the immediate future, but there is no stopping the palpable excitement everyone at the paper feels for the upcoming semester.

Nevertheless, Mr. Papson will continue to work as the Director of Campus Activities and Student Media until the end of the semester in December. Just as well, because the paper has run several pieces claiming that his retirement is nigh, including the last April Fools issue and a recent article on Mr. Papson determining his successor via a contest of champions. It must be said that this is not due to any kind of "manifesting". Rather, it is due to the deliberate misinformation propagated by the squirrel community, which is known to whisper mistruths and falsehoods into the ears of over-worked students as they sleep.

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Among the students of Bucknell University, the high student-to-student marriage statistic is no secret.

Commonly talked about by professors and students, the probability of marrying another Bucknellian is a frequent topic of conversation all four years.

In the 2022 publication from the Institute for Family Studies regarding married alumni of elite colleges, Bucknell was ranked as third out of the 50 colleges observed. Their study found that 65.4 percent of alumni born from 1980-82 were married, but the specific statistic derived that fascinates the student body is the amount of alumni that marry another alum.

According to a 2017 article from USeclt, an organization that works to publish information and data about colleges around the country, about 15-20 percent of students marry someone else from Bucknell.

Upon talking to different Bucknell students, staff and alum there is various speculation as to why the statistic is so high.

"I would say that Bucknellians love Bucknell and through that it also means other Bucknell students," Richard Alexander, the associate head coach of the Track and Field team, said. "So when you find a partner it gives you a nice foundation to build love around. So no, I am not surprised by the high statistic."

Alexander was a Bucknell graduate of 2003 and his wife was class of 2005. The two met during the time when they were both on the track and field team. Although Alexander's wife does not work at Bucknell the coach came back and started working here in 2010.

"I do remember people mentioning that there was a high rate of Bucknell marriages when I was a student. I know several different Bucknell

marriages dating back to before me and including one that just happened last weekend," Alexander said.

Theories vary and there could be many different reasons as to why this is such a popular trend, but one constant that was observed from questioning students is that many had a story to share with their own experience regarding the Bucknell marriage statistic.

Sonia Sergeant '25 shared her parents' story of how they met at Bucknell.

"My mom's roommate was dating my dad's roommate in college," Sergeant said. "The roommates set my parents up for a random date party. While my parents before this didn't really know who each other were, I guess they hit it off because they got married a couple years out of college and so did my parents best friends."

Sergeant continued, "the funniest part of the story is that the four of them became so close at Bucknell and stayed that close and now their three kids and my brother and I are practically like siblings. Their eldest son and I are the exact same age and we both applied to Bucknell, got in, and somehow even with Bucknell's random room pairings we ended up as next door neighbors in Swartz. You can imagine parents' weekend is so fun for them now."

The Bucknell Reunion that takes place for different classes each summer are where many interesting stories stem from. Eleanor Geno '23 talked about her experience as a reunion ambassador.

"During the reunion it almost became a joke between ambassadors that almost every couple who came back for the weekend went to, and met at Bucknell," Geno said. "I think that 90 percent of the alums I talked to were there with their Bucknell spouses. It was crazy to see the statistic we always

hear thrown around actually come to life."

Kate Festa '24 shared what she knew about the statistic with The Bucknellian.

"Before starting my first year I did know about a high marriage statistic at Bucknell," Festa said. "I was warned about it before coming here by my best family friends. They were both Bucknell alumni, they met here their first year here as they were both playing on the tennis team."

A similar experience was shared by Emily Sharpe '24.

"I did know about the statistics coming into my first year because my best friend's parents knew of each other while they were going to Bucknell but did not date during their time here," Sharpe said. "They were in different classes and only dated after Bucknell but now they are married."

She said that a man from her dad's company questioned her at a career fair about whether or not she'd fall into the trend.

Katherine Witte '24 shared an encounter just this past summer with a Bucknell couple.

"I give swim lessons to children of different ages over the summer," she said. "One morning I was wearing a Bucknell shirt and the mom of one of the regular families asked if that was where I went to school."

Witte continued, "the mom let me know that her and her husband met at Bucknell their first year here. There truly are Bucknell marriages everywhere."

Like many others, Grace Overend '24 also learned about the statistic before attending school here.

"I applied early decision and as soon as I got in I had two couples from the neighborhood reach out to me to let me know that their entire college friend group ended up marrying someone from Bucknell," Overend said.

When asked for her

opinion on if the statistic would stay high she said, "in my opinion I can see the possibility of the statistic going down, but if it doesn't, I wouldn't be surprised at all."

Sometimes the marriage statistic is one of the first things people learn about Bucknell — this is the case for Mia Sidlowski '24.

"I was here at Bucknell back in 2014 for my older sister's first year move in," Sidlowski said. "On that day, almost the first thing her roommate's parents said to us was that they went to Bucknell together and are now married. They warned us that we would probably find our husbands here."

Talking to Gwen Scopelliti '24 she explained her thoughts and another possible theory on why the statistic is so high.

"I didn't know about the statistic before starting at Bucknell," Scopelliti said. "Over the past three years after hearing about different parents who had gotten married from here and even professors talking about it, I learned how popular it was. I think a contributing factor to the statistic is our location. Being in Lewisburg we aren't making many outside peer connections during the school year. We rely on each other and get very close during the four years here."

There are also students who don't believe this popular trend will remain as popular with our classes.

"I did not know about the statistics before coming here and didn't know it was so high, but I also don't think it will remain this high with our generation," Will Bertsch '24 said.

It is safe to say that the popularity of the Bucknell marriage statistic lives on through the many stories students have to share and the children from Bucknell marriages who chose to come here as well.



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# THE BUCKNELLIAN *sports*

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## Women's Volleyball Continuing Strong Through League Play

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Contributing Writer

Throughout the 2022 season, the Bucknell women's volleyball team has been a nuisance to their opponents coming into the weekend with a record of 10-3 overall and 3-2 in Patriot League play.

This past weekend, Bucknell volleyball traveled to Maryland to compete against Loyola. Though the match did not result in favor of the Bison, the players put out some strong stats throughout the four matches (19-25, 18-25, 25-19, 24-26).

Bri Frazilus '26 led the team with 17 kills and 11 digs for her seventh double-double of the 2022 season. Catherine Jamison '24 followed with 16 kills and a .314 hitting percentage.

As a team, Bucknell hit a .182 as compared to a .194 from Loyola. At the start of the first set, Bucknell held their own but couldn't keep up with the greyhounds as the match continued.

The Bison put up their best fight in the third match, hitting a .290 hitting percentage and posting three blocks. In the fourth, Bucknell maintained momentum for a 6-1 run at the start of the match with Jamison putting down three kills.

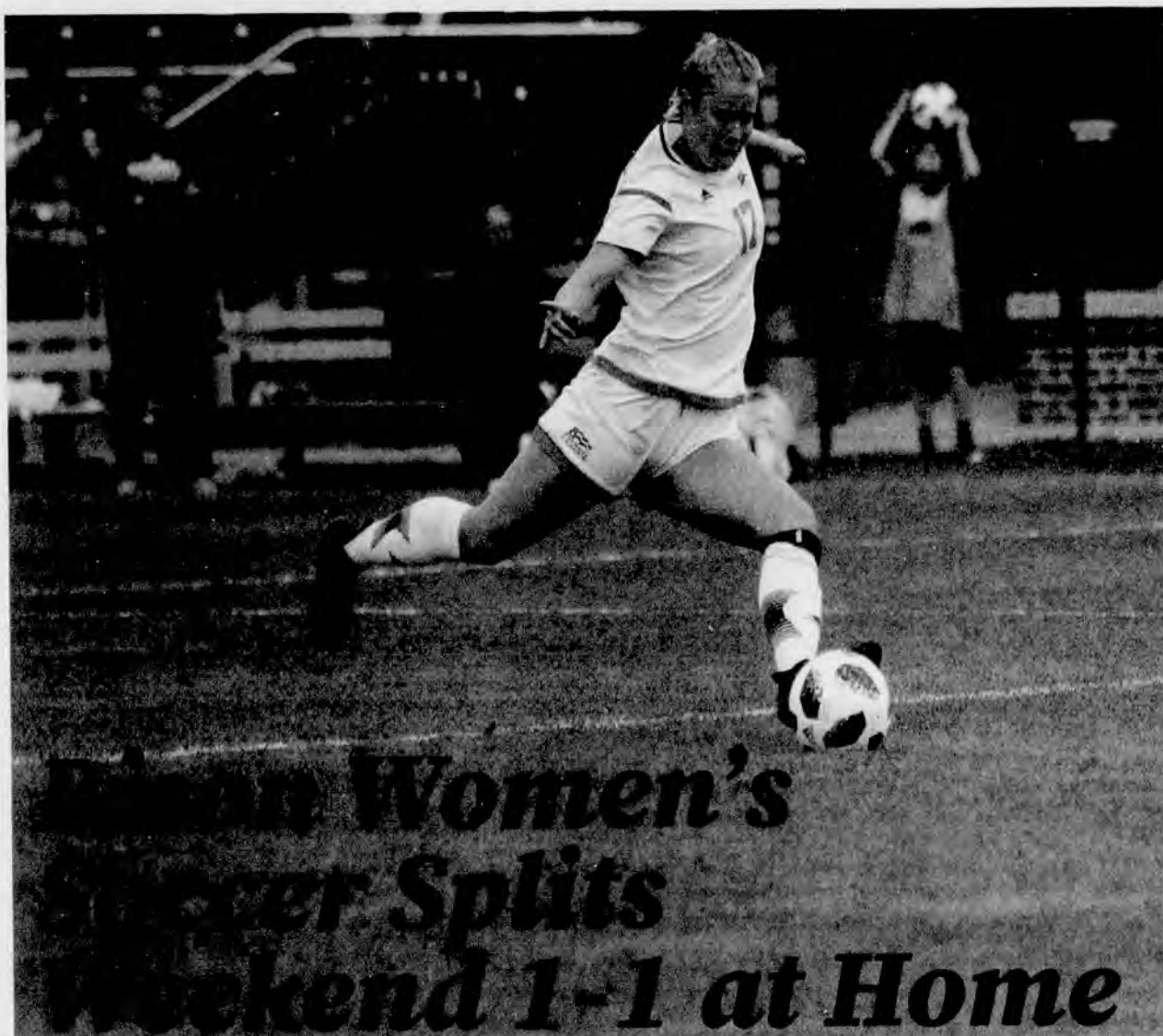
Although the match ended in a 26-24 final with a Bucknell service error, they brought the horns back less than 24 hours against American.

Saturday, against American, Bucknell put up their third ever win against the Eagles in program history (19-25, 20-25, 25-17, 25-14, 15-6). After the Bucknellians warmed up in the first two sets, they put up three match wins. Lisa Zoch '23 put up her best match of the season, totaling 14 kills and 29 total attempts with only five errors for a .310 hitting percentage.

In the fourth set, the Bison opened the set with a 8-1 run. The Eagles failed to get closer than eight points to the Bison, while the Bison posted straight eight kills on 15 total attacks. Jordan Hardy '25 had a stellar game posting a service ace and 18 digs.

"We had a great week of practice to lead us into the weekend," Camryn 'Anderson '23 said. "We played hard but unfortunately lost against Loyola. We bounced back on Saturday against American and were able to beat them for the third time in program history. I'm so proud of our team and the progress we have made over the course of the season."

The Bison volleyball players compete again this weekend. On Friday they will travel to Army, and on Sunday they will face Navy in our very own Davis Gym at 2 p.m.



**Charlotte Dursee**  
Contributing Writer

Bison Women's Soccer hosted Princeton hoping to continue their two game win streak last Tuesday night.

Princeton was able to score early on and in the final minutes to win 2-0. Their first goal came from a corner kick about ten minutes in. The Orange and Blue continued to put up a fight despite being down 1-0.

Abby Gearhart '23 came close in the first half to scoring after she intercepted a pass and put up a shot that nearly went in the top right corner.

The Bison continued into the second half with a couple attempts on goal. Kenar Gelman '24 and Rylee Donaldson '23 each put forth promising crosses that Princeton unfortunately got to first each time.

Princeton scored their second goal of the game in the eighty-third minute. Unfortunately, the Bison were unable to come back.

"My team took the tough loss against Princeton as motivation to

not only stay positive but to bounce back and show the other teams in our league that we don't settle for losses and will continue to try and win," Teresa Deda '25 said.

The Bison flipped a switch Saturday afternoon in their second home game of the week against Holy Cross.

"We try to stick by the mentality that we win or lose as a team, so after that loss we took into account what we did wrong and improved those things in the next game," Deda said.

The team led the first half 1-0. The first goal came from rookie Henna Andican '26 in the final seconds of the first half. Meghan White '26 put up a shot that bounced off the crossbar but Andican was there for the rebound.

Holy Cross was able to score fifteen minutes into the second half of the match. However, the Bison responded to this goal, scoring four more in a span of 10 minutes.

Gearhart contributed two goals and an assist to the impressive Bison victory. Andican had one goal and added two assists. Deda and Hannah Stuck '24 were responsible for the other two goals.

Geahart's first goal started from a throw-in. Andican found Petie Nassetta '23, and she played the ball to Geahart, who ripped a ball 25 yards from the goal. Two minutes later Deda dribbled the ball line, took a shot outside the box and scored her first goal of the season.

Deda then recorded her sixth assist of the season as she set up Andican for her assist to Gearhart. The final goal from the Bison came from Stuck who headed in a corner kick from Reese Evans '25.

The Bison finished with 18 shots on goal compared to Holy Cross' total of seven. The Orange and Blue look to improve their record of 3-1 in league play and 6-5-1 overall this Friday as they travel to Lafayette College.

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## Upcoming Events

### Women's Rowing

- vs Columbia 10/8 9am

### Men's Water Polo

- vs John Hopkins 10/8 12pm
- vs George Washington 10/8 6pm

### Men's Golf

- Bucknell Invitational 10/9-11 All Day

### Women's Volleyball

- vs Navy 10/9 2pm

### Women's Soccer

- vs Loyola 10/12 7pm

## Bison Women's Tennis Team had a short, competitive weekend

**Hannah Stuck**  
Senior Writer

The Orange and Blue headed to Baltimore, Md. to compete in the Loyola Invitational this weekend. These matches were supposed to be held over the course of three days, but bad weather ultimately took two of their competition days.

The Bison got to compete in their first round singles matches and second round doubles matches before the rain came through.

Six bison were scheduled to compete, with there being two doubles teams competing in a series of three.

Anna Lajos '25 and Abby Platt '26 started off strong for the Bison, both beating players from Delaware State in the first round of singles. Continuing to their second round of singles, Lajos defeated her opponent 8-4, while Platt won her match at 8-0. This pair continued to have a great day, beating the same opponents 6-0 as a team in doubles.

Caroline Marcus '25 beat her opponent 8-3 alongside her partner Kate Novak '24, but Loyola came back to win the next two matches. Marcus

continued her play for the day with a doubles match with Mirra Manolov '26, winning 6-2 over their opponents.

Tyne Miller '24 and Whitney King '25 lost in the first round of their series with Delaware State, but finished strong in the consolation quarterfinals to beat Lafayette 6-2 in their double's match.

Miller reflected on the weekend. "Unfortunately we got rained out so a three day tournament turned into a one day. We had never played the format that we played this past weekend but it was very fun to play. Everyone had the chance to play both singles and doubles. We have fall break and then we are heading to Michigan for our last fall competition. Everyone has been working and it'll be a great fun way to end our fall season," Miller said.

The Orange and Blue's Fall season is coming to a close, as they are heading to Michigan on Oct. 14 and 15 to compete against Davenport, Ferris State and Grand Valley State in their last matches of the season.

## Bucknell Bison fall short to Lafayette Leopards



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**Madison Rehak**  
Contributing Writer

For Homecoming Weekend, the Orange and Blue's football team matched up with Lafayette for the first Patriot League game of the season.

The game was scoreless in the first quarter, as both teams were struggling to put points on the board. Coleman Bennett '24 made an impressive 97-yard run in the opening kickoff, but could not convert the run to make points.

The Bison had many scoring opportunities in the first quarter, but had difficulty capitalizing early in the game.

Rushawn Baker '25 managed to score a touchdown late in the second quarter to give the Bison a late lead in the game. Lafayette eventually overcame the Bison in points, showing the score 10-6, with the Leopards in the lead.

The Leopards made another touchdown and capitalized on a field goal, still taking the lead from the bison in the third quarter. Lafayette made another touchdown and field goal in the fourth quarter, but the Bison answered this one. Bennett scored his first touchdown of the season with just a few minutes

left in the fourth quarter, trying to come back in the game.

Marques Owens '25 caught three catches for 44 yards, while Josh Gary '26 caught three for 41 yards. Ben Allen '23 led the game with 10 tackles, Tyler Alston '24 came up with nine tackles and one and a half sacks, and Patrick Quinlivan '25 had a sack.

Ethan Grady '25 completed 20 out of 40 passes for 199 yards during the game. Bucknell tallied 307 yards for the game, while the Leopards only tallied 257. Though the Bison lost in points, they were dominating and controlling the game through each play.

"I think we've shown flashes of being a great team and we've had very productive parts of each game," Grady said. "The key is going to be maintaining consistency and stringing those good moments together into a complete game."

The Bison compete in their next match against Holy Cross on Oct. 8 at 4 p.m. You can stream the game to support Bucknell Football on ESPN+ and tune in to the live stats on the Bucknell Football website.



## Bison Field Hockey remains undefeated in the Patriot League

Brooke Tracey  
Senior Writer

The Bison Field Hockey Team traveled to New York this past weekend to play two games.

On Saturday, the Bison faced Patriot League opponent, Colgate, where they celebrated a great team victory and earned their third league win. The Orange and Blue returned to the pitch on Sunday, at Cornell, in a tough-fought battle.

The Bison were eager to face another Patriot League competitor this week, and found great success against the Colgate Raiders. With three lead changes throughout the match, the Bison persevered and came out on top.

It only took the Orange and Blue two minutes into the game to get on the board, with Isabella Pavlides '25 scoring off of a rebound from the Raider's goalkeeper. However, it was an immediate response by the Raiders who managed to score just 45 seconds later.

A little under eight minutes passed, when Colgate

scored their second goal of the game with a penalty stroke. The Bison entered the second quarter trailing 2-1, but remained relentless.

Three minutes into the quarter, Lily Neilson '25 had a rocket shot that resulted from a penalty corner, tying up the game. Less than five minutes later, Kayla Kisthardt '23 took initiative and put the Bison up by one, capitalizing on another penalty corner rebound. The Orange and Blue kept the Raiders off of the board in the second quarter, and entered half time with a 3-2 lead.

The Bison were once again first to get on the board in the third quarter, off of a Maddie Rehak '23 goal, giving the Bison their largest lead of the game. The Raiders were able to score one more goal in the third quarter, but the Orange and Blue responded in the fourth with one final goal from Pavlides. The match ended in a Bison victory of 5-3.

Top goal-scorer, Neilson, spoke on the game.

"It was great to put a goal on the board in such a high scoring game," Neilson said. "Colgate really put us under pressure so it was nice to come out with a win against them."

The Orange and Blue were hyped up following their league win, but had to face Cornell on Sunday. Cornell got on the board less than two minutes into the game, and scored a second goal just under ten minutes in, giving them a 2-0 lead entering the second half.

The Bison had no shots in the third quarter, but were able to limit the Big Red to only one more goal, coming just four minutes into the half. The Orange and Blue continued to press, but their offensive efforts were not enough to overcome the Big Red.

The Bison will return to the pitch at Lehigh next Saturday in an 11 a.m. match. This Patriot League game will be the only one for the Orange and Blue next weekend.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Abby Gearheart '23



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### Profile

### Sport

Women's Soccer

### Hometown

Windsor, CO

### High School

Windsor

### Position

Midfielder

Caleb Wooten  
Senior Writer

The Bucknell women's soccer team delivered an onslaught of goals in the second half of their game against Holy Cross, including two goals and one assist by senior Abby Gearhart, all in a span of less than five minutes.

The two goals marks Gearhart's second career brace and resulted in her being tied for lead-scorer in the Patriot League with five on the season. The Orange and Blue quickly found themselves ahead in the game and never looked back, winning the game 5-1 and improving to 3-1 in Patriot League.

"Everything just fell into place," Gearhart said. "Once we got rolling, we knew it was our game. The game started to open up and we didn't even realize we scored four goals in ten minutes until someone said something. It was pretty cool to see and I think everyone did a great job."

The star midfielder's performance not only propelled her team to a victory, but also won her Patriot League Midfielder of the Week for the second week in a row.

When reflecting on the team's performance, Gearhart attributed the second half success to a change in mindset.

"At halftime, we knew we were going to have to

shoot from further out in order to create more scoring opportunities. Once we did that, we started generating a lot of opportunities to score and we finished a lot of them which was awesome to see," she said.

The reigning Patriot League Champions entered Patriot League play with a target on their backs, and after dropping an early game in the season to Navy, the Bison have bounced back tremendously.

"Against Navy, we did not have a good showing in general, but I think our response to that was the best thing we could have had. We have been able to bounce back and figure out exactly how we want to play, and we have been getting the results we've wanted from doing that," Gearhart said.

The Bison are showing no signs of slowing down, as they hope to replicate their success on the road against Lafayette on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m., which will be streamed on ESPN+.

### Season Highs

- 5 shots
- 2 Goals
- 1 Assist



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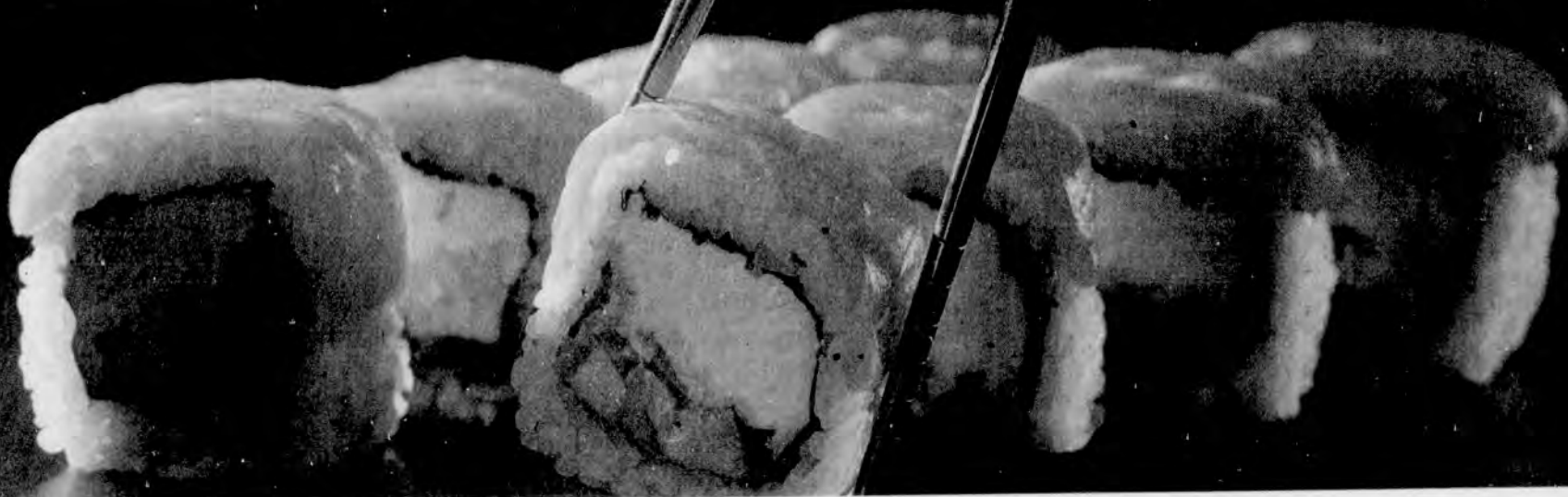
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# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### Tua Too Soon

Kaylee Donnelly  
Senior Writer

The dangers of football have been reintroduced into mainstream discussion these past few weeks after Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa suffered two significant head injuries within five days, in his games against the Buffalo Bills and Cincinnati Bengals.

Concussions and traumatic head injuries are not uncommon amongst football players. The NFL, amateur football leagues and even Pop Warner have been subjected to lawsuits in light of their players suffering serious brain injuries.

On Sunday Sept. 25, Tagovailoa was hit by Bills' linebacker, Matt Milano, pinning him to the ground and slamming the back of his helmet to the turf. Tagovailoa remained on the ground for several moments after, knocked out, before stumbling to the sideline.

After getting checked in the locker room, the quarterback was cleared, and returned to play in the third quarter. He played the rest of the game against the Bills, throwing for 186 yards and for a touchdown.

The singular event itself is suspicious, especially considering Tagovailoa's seemingly unstable mobility after receiving the hard hit. But Dolphins doctor and an unaffiliated neurotrauma consultant had cleared him unanimously, with head coach Mike McDaniel suggesting after the game had finished that Tagovailoa's instability was a result of a prior back injury.

And maybe this was true, if not for another hit on Thursday, Sept. 29 when Tagovailoa was taken down by Josh Tupou, a defensive lineman on the Cincinnati Bengals. This time, Tagovailoa did not even stumble.

In fact, he laid on the ground motionless for several minutes, his hands cramped awkwardly near his face, an indicator that he had suffered some sort of brain damage. He was then taken away on a stretcher and sent to the hospital, although was later released and able to fly back home with the Dolphins.

The events of Tagovailoa's last two games did not go unnoticed by the general public. The National Football League Players' Association took it upon themselves to fire the unaffiliated neurotrauma consultant, believing that they had cleared Tagovailoa wrongly, making several mistakes in the diagnosis and subjecting him to future damage.

The Dolphins claimed that Tagovailoa had passed his concussion test on Sunday, but the association still

terminated the consultant. Tagovailoa should be interviewed within the following week with his side of the story.

The union-like Players' Association intends to use these events to further protect players' safety. They made a statement of intent to include new language in concussion protocol called "gross motor instability," being if a player stumbles after a hard hit to the head they will no longer be allowed to return to the game.

Whether the association was too hasty in firing the consultant or not, situations like these need to be taken seriously for the livelihoods of the players. The scientific evidence supports the correlation of chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, to football players, as they often take repeated hits to the head.

The NFL remains the only professional sports

organization to acknowledge the correlation between their play and CTE, settling an over \$1 billion lawsuit back in 2014. Several older famous players like Mike Webster and Vincent Jackson are open and adamant about their CTE and its connection to the sport.

The interview with Tagovailoa may provide some insight into the situation, but in the end this event represents a broader issue within the NFL, one they will have to address through more than just lawsuits in the coming years as more and more players suffer head injuries and concussions.

Player's safety must be a priority, and while they shouldn't change the sport itself, improving protocol and holding people accountable are some of the first steps that are important to take in order to make some change.

## Bison Men's Soccer outshoots, ends week with a league win



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The Bucknell men's soccer team began last week with an exciting league win against Lehigh on Sept. 28. Mo Tall '23 earned the first goal of the game off of a 20 yard free kick at about the twenty-second minute.

The game was tied at the fifty-first minute, but the Bison responded just before the final buzzer. Sebastian Paz '24 secured the win with the help of teammates Cade McGrath '26 and MJ Kuczura '24. The team remained composed for the remainder of the game and came out on top.

"The team is really coming together," goal scorer Tall said. "We've been playing well, but now we're finishing

games out and getting the results we need."

Bison goalkeeper Freddie Lapworth '26 banked four saves in his career debut. Overall, the Bison dominated, earning 22 shots to Lehigh's nine.

In their second league game of the week on Oct. 1, Bucknell remained dominant and outshot Lafayette 18 shots to nine. Lafayette scored off of a penalty at the 33rd minute, but the Bison contended hard throughout.

Jameson Railey '23 and Paz each took a hard shot, just saved by the opposing keeper. Charlie Holmes '26 and Waldemar Kattrup '25 each earned a free kick as

well and Marco Valentic '26 led the team with five shots on goal. Lapworth ended with three saves.

In another mid-week game, the Bison competed against Binghamton under the rain. Just fifty short seconds into the game, McGrath scored his second goal this season, with an assist from fellow first-year Holmes. The Bison ended up narrowly falling to Binghamton's two goals. Even with this result, the Bison still outshot Binghamton 15-13, and Lapworth finished with four saves.

The Bison will face league-opponent Boston University in Boston, Mass. this Saturday.



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## Women's Golf battles through tough conditions in Annapolis

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Bison Women's Golf traveled to Annapolis this past weekend for the Navy Fall Invite.

Bucknell competed alongside Sacred Heart, Delaware State, Quinnipiac, Long Island University, Howard University, Monmouth, Fairleigh Dickinson, Mount St. Mary's, William & Mary, Bryant University, Lehigh, La Salle and the Citadel along with Navy.

Coming off a home victory last weekend, it was a hope to continue the momentum for the Bison. Erin Drahnak '26 definitely noticed the difference.

"The team seemed more confident and excited to play since we won last weekend," Drahnak said.

It was a two day tournament with three different rounds. The conditions were surely not ideal, with rain and winds affecting the field all weekend.

Bucknell started the invitational off well, with a team score of 311 after round one. Paige Richter '26 was the low Bison for the weekend, scoring a round one 76 (+4).

After starting the tournament at +4 through the first four holes, Richter was able to get used to the rough conditions and play the rest of her first round at even par. This was good for a T5 finish heading into day two.

The team did not strike as well

on day two, finishing with a total of 335 as a team, good for a T11 finish out of 15 squads (+70 for the weekend) with the Bulldogs of Bryant University.

Viveka Kurup '25 had to sit out Saturday after her first round at 78, so the Bison were without one of their lowest women on day two. However, in the harsh playing conditions, Bucknell stayed calm and was able to play some good golf.

Drahnak, who played as an individual, was able to watch how her teammates dealt with and competed together in not-so-ideal weather.

"The team didn't seem down because the weather was bad," she said. "It was more like we all bonded from it and accepted that conditions weren't going to be ideal."

This past weekend was one of grit for the golf team, and they showed impressive perseverance battling through rain and winds all weekend. With only one more tournament remaining in the fall season, the Orange and Blue are continuing to click, and team chemistry is at an all time high.

Bucknell heads to Rehoboth Beach, Del. the weekend after this to close out the fall season at the Lady Blue Hen Invitational.



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# Why everyone should have a sex playlist

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Let's be real: the vast majority of us love music. Whether you're blasting Paramore while walking to class or laying on your bed hoping Giveon can cure your love hangover, music is an integral part of who we are, how we build community and easing the pain in any healing process we go through.

Even though music is extremely important, a lot of people neglect to acknowledge its role in the most intimate things we engage with. In this case, I'm talking about sex.

Yes. Sex. The thing you're hella open about with your homies but aren't willing to address in class. Which is completely fine — I just hope you don't expect people to take you seriously when you act nonchalant and far removed from something so natural.

But yeah. Let's get back to it. Sex — and music. Do you have a sex playlist? Do you even play music, a TV show or anything else in the background while making your way past the awkward "how are you doing" phase of your hookup?

Are you aware of the positive effects of good music on your environment, your mood and your sexual experience?

I'm not trying to sound like a salesperson or one of those people that plans these things in advance. I actually don't. I value spontaneity and that thrill that comes with

good surprises — surprises that must also be rooted in respect, authenticity and full consent.

Even if I do sound like a salesperson, I do hope you consider putting together a playlist that not only makes you happy, but also one you can share with someone you really love and care about — both in and out of the bedroom.

That playlist needs to resonate with you. It needs to be a compilation of your favorite songs you don't mind associating with specific moments; however, I do recommend you gatekeep songs that are so special you can't share them with others. Cause what are you gonna do when "Wild Thoughts" comes on in the bison and all you can think about is that one guy that ghosted you after a night you thought was mutually unforgettable?

Ugh. I know. Embarrassing. Keep your head up.

Above all, I want you to feel empowered. I especially want women & femmes to remind themselves of the immense value of their time, energy and presence in any space. Even when it comes to sexy time with yourself, I hope you feel powerful enough to know you are the moment. Every. Single. Day.

Here are your favorite non-binary writer's picks for the sex playlist everyone needs:

## (October) Sex Playlist

- Out Loud - Syd (ft. Kehlani)
- No Love - Summer Walker (ft. SZA)
- How You Want It - Teyana Taylor
- Lotus Flower Bomb - Wale (ft. Miguel)
- Honey - Kehlani
- Parce - Maluma (ft. Justin Quiles, Lenny Tavarez)
- La Cama - Lunay (ft. Myke Towers)
- 2 On - Tinashe (ft. Schoolboy Q)
- Open - The Weeknd
- Best I Ever Had - Drake
- Forfeit - Kiana Ledé (ft. Lucky Daye)
- SUBIENDO - Becky G (ft. Dalex)
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- Love N Hennessy - A.CHAL
- P\*\$SY Fairy (OTW) - Jhené Aiko
- Shot Clock - Ella Mai
- Safety Net - Ariana Grande (ft. Ty Dolla Sign)
- Pink Matter - Frank Ocean
- Just Might - Summer Walker (ft. PARTYNEXTDOOR)
- She Don't - Ella Mai (ft. Ty Dolla Sign)

## Glitch the algorithm

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Instagram was the first form of social media that I ever had. My first posts consisting of throw-back-Thursdays and screenshots of Will Ferrell tweets serve as a time capsule for how its function and purpose has shifted over time. The days of throwbacks and selfie-Saturdays were overtaken by photo dumps and birthdays posts. And now more than ever, Reels and other video content has been given priority by Instagram's algorithm.

While this might seem like a natural progression from pictures to video that reflects a shift in the type of content users prefer to engage with, many Instagram users are holding on to the original Instagram format to maintain their ability to share photos in a way that other platforms do not. Particularly, small artists and creators whose work is best portrayed in photos are struggling to continue to drive engagement and make the shift to video.

The New York Times captures the experience of comic illustrator Mx. Lee who owes their success in illustrating published work to Instagram yet fears that a shift in the algorithm may limit future success. They explain that artists whose work relies on still images aren't seeing as much engagement as they used to, and many are giving up on Instagram for other platforms like VSCO, LinkedIn and Twitter.

Mx. Lee also shares that the profitability from shifting to video content to reach more users is almost non-existent. The article even shares illustrators and artists who have tried to animate their otherwise still work to appeal to the algorithm.

In an effort to compete with other platforms, Instagram has directed users towards more video content in a once photo-driven space, leaving artists who don't conform at risk of losing their social media communities in a sea of algorithmically-recommended creators whose content do match the mold that Instagram has set. An algorithm should not have a say in the type of content we push out and it should not force people to compromise their creative agency for views, likes, and exposure.

I disagree with the decision to compete with other platforms by mimicking their content and features. I use Instagram to look at photos and short-form content that allow me to keep up with the lives of my friends and family. I go to TikTok for vine-like videos and slightly longer-form content. I go to Snapchat to keep up with my friend's Stories and BeReal to share a small snapshot of my day.

Each platform has a different purpose and that is what keeps people engaged and coming back to a specific platform. If every platform had all of the same functions, then who's to say people won't just choose one and ditch the rest? And this is not the first time that social media has come under fire for copying other platforms. TikTok has added a new Now section that holds the exact same functions as BeReal. The Stories component on Instagram closely resembles that of Snapchat.

These decisions are a way to compete with each other, but they also come with drawbacks: the quality of these platforms is threatened by replacing their singularity and losing whole communities whose content is being hidden from the algorithm.



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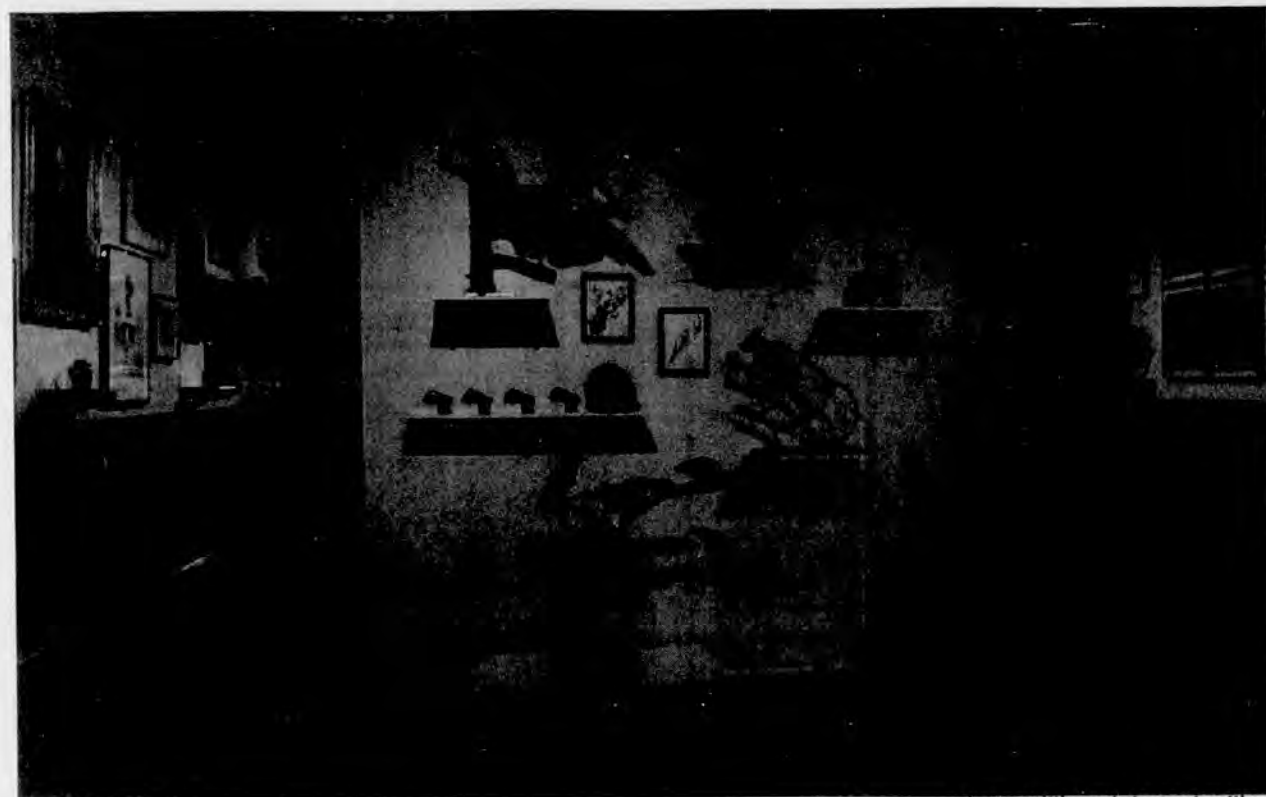
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## The Wunderkammer Exhibit: What do you collect?

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If you're interested in a non-artistic layman's perspective on the current Samek art gallery, continue reading. The ELC's Samek Art Gallery is currently hosting the Wunderkammer: What Do You Collect? exhibit. This collection comprises the "evidence of history," with images of family heirlooms, vinyl records and elephant figurines to name a few.

Where did the name Wunderkammer come from? During the European Renaissance, a Wunderkammer gathered artifacts from around the world, developing a collection indicative of the diversity across the globe.

"These rooms and collections were intended to inspire scientific curiosity and aesthetic experience simultaneously; they were machines for wondering," a description on the Samek's website reads. The Samek Art Museum collection is organized on a timeline that represents when the artwork was brought to

the collection, rather than when it was created.

The purpose of this exhibit is to discover the collections in our community, and to recognize that they play an important role in our "collective social memory." I love the concept of this collection, not only because it gives us the space to share our personal passions, but because it allows us to share the most vulnerable parts of ourselves in a creative, inviting way. This collection is here to inspire innovation and spark curiosity and wonder.

What we "collect" isn't always necessarily physical; it can be the collection of the thoughts, ideas, and emotions that we have on a daily basis. I felt that the photos of physical collections were indicative of those individuals' personalities, and represented far more than a simple hobby.

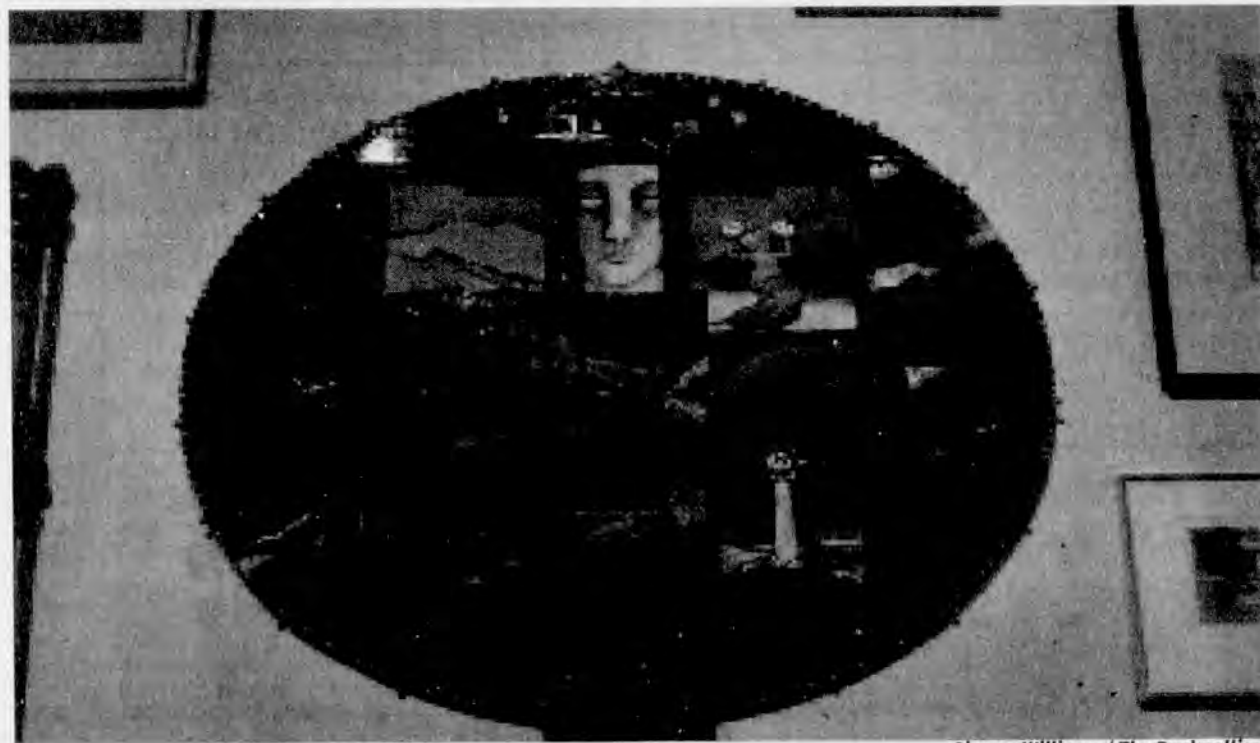
I also took the time to explore the rest of the artwork in Samek, which contains a diverse set of works ranging from photo collages to ink on woodblocks.

However, one piece by The Guerrilla Girls (an anonymous artist group dedicated to fighting sexism and racism in the art world) stood out to me.

Titled, "Do Women Have to be Naked to Get Into the Met. Museum?" The Samek Art Gallery features this 1989 Guerrilla Girls piece. Created in the lithography style, this work serves as a commentary on the sexualization and objectification of women in art, asserting that "Less than five percent of the artists in the Modern Art sections are women, but 85 percent of the nudes are female."

This is just one example of the conversations that can be inspired from Samek's gallery. If you want to explore collections, learn more about social issues, or simply be inspired, head over to The Wunderkammer Exhibit.

If you would like your collection to be included in the exhibit, send your name, what you collect, and a photo of an item from your collection to Samek@bucknell.edu.



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## What do we do about the debt?



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Since 1950, the U.S. government has granted students access to loans in order for them to be able to afford a college education.

The National Defense Education Act of 1958 was the first piece of legislation passed regarding student loans and it led to a huge spike in college attendees. Where college was once a place for the wealthiest Americans, it became a possibility for many people who dreamed of pursuing degrees.

With a huge influx of students pursuing a degree, colleges responded by increasing their prices. And thus began a tumultuous game of cat and mouse that has recently become popular in American political discourse.

The student debt crisis is one of the most important issues facing young people today. The average person with student debt owes about \$30,000 by the time they get their bachelor's degree, creating an uphill battle for many young adults. Together, there is almost \$2 trillion in debt accrued by college students.

So, what do we do about this?

Some political figures like Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders have proposed that we cancel student debt altogether. Others, like president Joe Biden, are not convinced, and have opted to take a more moderate approach.

The Biden administration rolled out a student loan forgiveness plan that is soon to be open for applications. However, this

week, significant changes were made to this plan by the department of education. Although this was not explicitly announced by the administration, new caveats to Biden's plan are going to have huge consequences for many who were relying on debt forgiveness.

The change primarily impacts recipients of Federal Family Education Loans, which used to be the most popular kind of federal loan until 2010, when the program was shut down. Back then, private banks and loan companies were in charge of holding and managing loans, and the companies were permitted to profit off of these loans.

When the Biden administration announced their loan forgiveness plan a few months ago, these companies responded by claiming the plan would cause them severe financial harm, and six states filed claims to gut the plan altogether.

In order to prevent dismantling of the plan altogether, which could lead to severe political consequences for Democrats as the midterms near, the administration quietly bowed down to these private companies in exchange for loan forgiveness for millions of Americans.

The Biden administration's failure to disclose this important change to Americans is disappointing, and sadly, just another example of the way that the political system poses as its own barrier to real solutions for people who need it the most.

## We're gonna need a bigger bubble

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Bucknell is a historically small university, with many comparing its composition to a large high school.

For a lot of prospective students, this is the appeal. Students like having small classes where they can make and maintain close relationships with faculty and often mention their enthusiasm about the "Bucknell Bubble," a term used to describe the close-knit culture on campus.

However, as retention rates and applicant pools change in response to an evolving university landscape, Bucknell has begun to increase its class size, posing interesting opportunities and challenges for students

and faculty alike. I encourage students to embrace this change as an opportunity to broaden their horizons as they come into contact with new perspectives and on-campus experiences.

For the second year in a row, Bucknell University has increased its class size. There are 1,039 Bucknellians enrolled in the class of 2026, a slight increase from last year. It appears that this trend will continue in upcoming academic years. So, what does this mean for students?

Well, for one, class sizes may slightly increase and you might see more students around campus, but, because of the very gradual increase,

we are not likely to notice huge effects until several years out.

Daly Stoop '24 elucidated on the fact that this is simply a trend that we can see among other small universities. "Lehigh is doing it too, which in the short run, is increasing the school's acceptance rate. But, it's also increasing diversity on campus and extending its alumni network in the long run, which I think can help smaller private institutions rival larger public institutions when it comes to postgraduate opportunities for students like graduate school and jobs," Stoop said.

Some students fear that an increasing acceptance rate will dull Bucknell's prestige,

but others are more hopeful.

"It may slightly increase the acceptance rate, but, overall, small increases to the class sizes will have huge payoff when it comes to helping the school extend its influence nationwide, and, for international students, across the globe," Allison Lista '24 said.

As class size increases, the Bucknell Student Government and administration will have to work to accommodate emerging needs and new requests.

"If in the case of an increase of the student body, BSG will continue to work and think creatively to engage with all facets of the student body. Whether this be

through increased tabling in the ELC or by directly reaching out to the plethora of clubs and organizations on campus, we are dedicated to ensuring that all of the needs of the student body are being heard," Bernie Maramis, President of Student Government, explained. "Some ways that the administration should work in accommodating for a larger class size would be ensuring that there is sufficient housing and parking available for all students." Luckily, it appears that the administration is preparing for this development, with the recent announcement that new residence halls will be constructed at Bucknell West.



# Postgrad prep resources at Bucknell

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Bucknell provides students with various different offices and events to rely on for support and help prepare them for their lives after graduation.

A culmination of staff, alumni, student workers and volunteers work year round to provide guidance and aid in a multitude of areas. Highlighted are just some of the many free resources Bucknell makes available to students. Others include the Counseling Center, Office of Civic Engagement, Multicultural Student Services, the Library and Information Technology Desk and more. Desk and more.



## Career Center



Located on the first floor of the Botany Building is the University's Center for Career Advancement (CCA). The office's intentions are written on the Bucknell website.

"The CCA aspires to cultivate a Bucknell community that empowers and inspires all students and graduates to pursue and achieve meaningful careers throughout their lifetime," it reads.

Students can use their Handshake account to make different types of appointments with the career center. Outside of drop in hours there are specific appointments for resumes, LinkedIn, cover letter review, internship or job searching, graduate school planning, pre-law and pre-health advising and more.

Connor Bennett '24 shared his experience at the Career Center last year.

"Last year I was struggling to find an internship. I had no direction and didn't know the proper ways to format my resume or even write a cover letter," Bennett said. "I made an appointment at the career center and it helped me immensely. They edited my resume and helped me get on the right path for writing a cover letter. I then had the opportunity to intern this past summer for MedScape as a project manager. It was a great experience and I'm thankful to have had the tools from Bucknell to get me there. I also got a free headshot at the Career Fair that I still use for my LinkedIn now."



## Teaching and Learning Center



The Bucknell Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) works to help both students and staff on campus. Found in their description on the centers page on the Bucknell website it said they "provide resources and programming to develop thoughtful educators and successful learners."

The TLC recruits students to lead their peer-facilitated study groups or tutor students individually for certain math and science courses.

Regina Stieglitz '23 worked for the TLC as a study group facilitator for calculus. Her group met twice a week during the semester to clarify course material and improve students skills.

"Leading a study group for students was an amazing experience," she said. "I got to meet a lot of people and also improve my leadership and communication skills. It was rewarding to see the improvement of the students in the group throughout the course. I was able to help students while simultaneously improving my calculus skills with consistent review."



## Writing Center



Carnegie Library, across from the Science Quad, is home to the Bucknell Writing Center. Open to students six days a week the center offers peer consultation to improve writing "through feedback and conversation to help clarify ideas."

Students looking to have another set of eyes give feedback on a paper due for class can seek help at the Writing Center.

A current consultant in the Writing Center, Hannah Egan '23 shared her experience with us.

"While the writing center is open to all students with any writing assignment, we most often have appointments with first-years," Egan said. "I've found that it's proven to be a really beneficial resource to help them acclimate to college level writing and these students often take the skills they learn during their session with them for future assignments."



## Women's Resource Center



Gaining a new staff this semester the Women's Resource Center is an office on campus that advocates and supports Bucknell staff and members.

Their description explains that they follow a "feminist model of empowerment" to achieve three goals on campus.

"Promote women's rights and self-determination, redress inequities, both historic and contemporary, based on sex, gender identity and expression, and sexual orientation, and celebrate the achievements and highlight the struggles of women the world over," reads their website.

They also explain that their objectives are to educate about gender, advocate for equity, celebrate the contributions of women and empower students and community members.

Working with the office of Diversity and Inclusion the center has put on events including Feminist Fridays and Women of Color Wednesdays. They promote many of their events and resources on their Instagram, @wrcbucknell.



## Office of LGBTQ+ Resources

The office that can be found in room 302 of the Elaine Langone Center works to support the on campus Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer community.

Every year in October for International Coming Out Day the office distributes shirts for students to wear and celebrate. They also work to publish a "Support List" in The Bucknellian of members of the Bucknell community who "self-identify as supporters of an individual's right to be themselves and pledge to provide a supportive atmosphere for LGBTQ students."





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## Resource offices "Celebrate Difference" with University photo



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Those passing by the Rooke Science Building on Oct. 14 at 12 p.m. might have caught a glimpse of a rainbow — but not in the sky.

National Coming Out Day is celebrated annually on Oct. 11 in support of LGBTQ+ individuals "coming out of the closet."

In celebration of this holiday, as well as LGBTQ+ history month, the Gender and Sexuality Alliance and the Office of LGBTQ+ Resources organize a collaborative photo to be taken on the Rooke Science Building front steps.

In the days leading up to the event, anyone interested in participating can stop by the LGBTQ+ lounge in the ELC to pick up a shirt that reads "Celebrate Difference."

The shirts come in a variety of colors, and this is how the rainbow effect of the photo is made. On the day of the picture, participants line up in rainbow order, based on the color of their shirt. Roughly 300 to 400 people picked up shirts this year.

Additionally, the 'i' in "difference" is in the shape of an upside-down triangle. This symbol was placed on prisoner jackets during the Holocaust to differentiate their prisoners, with the pink triangle identifying LGBTQ+ individuals. This symbol has been reclaimed in modern day LGBTQ+ activism, as a way to acknowledge its history.

After the photos were taken, participants could enjoy a slice of cake that read, "Happy National Coming Out Day!"

AP Howell '24, President of the Gender and Sexuality

Alliance, said they feel the event is "one of the most important events, as it one of the most well-known and well-attended events co-hosted by the Gender and Sexuality Alliance and the Office of LGBTQ+ Resources."

"On campus, diversity efforts are often centered around race; I say this as a white person who values the importance of all identities on the 'diversity' spectrum," Howell said. "While this event is geared towards LGBTQ+ awareness, the shirts still say 'Celebrate Difference.' This means equally representing all differences — race, gender, sexuality, ability, and beyond — on Bucknell's campus."

This Bucknell tradition began around 2004, inspired by a similar initiative at Duke University. Overtime, the number of

participants in the photo has increased exponentially.

The original t-shirts read "Difference," but were later changed to say "Celebrate Difference" around 2013. More recently, there has also been the addition of brown and black t-shirts. These shirts are in response to the Philadelphia Pride Flag, which added a black line and a brown line to the original rainbow flag, in recognition of LGBTQ+ people of color.

This year's photo was originally scheduled for Oct. 14—after Fall Break, because National Coming Out Day often falls during the break. The event has rarely been postponed, but Thursday's weather called for rain. The event was pushed to Friday, and still saw its usual turnout of over 100 participants. After all, you can't have a rainbow without rain.

## Professor says Mastriano unlikely to win governor's seat, Senate race could be closer

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The 2022 midterm election is coming up and there are several critical issues on the ballot in Pennsylvania, including the future of legal abortion, economic recession and overhaul of the state education system.

Professor of Political Science Chris Ellis, spoke to The Bucknellian about candidates Democratic State Attorney General Josh Shapiro and Republican State Senator Doug Mastriano, and how people feel about issues and emerging trends on the campaign trail leading up to election day on Nov. 8.

"Looking at what's happened with the governor's race; the Republicans nominated a pretty extreme guy who advocates for things way outside of the realm of party politics," Ellis, in an emailed response, said.

These ideas include things such as proposing a murder penalty for women who obtain an abortion and elevating claims made by conspiracy theorist group QAnon.

Although Mastriano did win the Republican primary, Ellis questioned the plausibility of him winning in the upcoming general election.

"Mastriano is not actually running a campaign. He's not running ads, not raising money, there's really nothing there. But, the letter next to your name does matter," Ellis said, when asked about the competitiveness of the governor's race.

This idea comes up a lot when talking about election outcomes and party identification in the aftermath of The Lincoln Project's influence on the 2020 presidential election, Ellis said. This group was established by members of the GOP who supported Joe Biden's run for president because they felt a second Trump term would be detrimental to the future of the party.

"When it comes to voters crossing party lines, it would've been a one off because of how weird Trump was, but now we keep getting mini-Trumps everywhere," Ellis said. "I think what's happening in Pennsylvania is a mirror of what's happening nationally; which is that the Republican party has lost control of their voting base. [Recently], they have been nominating people who are loud over people who can win."

Ellis, along with most of the general public, is a little less certain about predicting the outcome of the senatorial race. Republican and former television star Mehmet Oz is running against Democratic Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman. While August polls showed that Fetterman had a sizable lead over Oz, this has since narrowed.

When asked about the campaigning strategies of these two candidates, Ellis said that the multitude of important issues on the ballot have taken a backseat to the candidates trying to taunt each other online.

"The thing that bothers me is that we don't talk about the issues," he said. "I mean, the Fetterman-Oz race, up until this point, has mostly been about memes."

"I think on Fetterman's part, this is a calculated strategy. At first, he thought that he could get through by just making fun of him [Oz], but now people are calling on him to defend some of the claims he has made in the past."

One of the most popular strategies employed by the Fetterman camp has been pointing out the fact that Oz is not a Pennsylvania native. Ellis said he is unsure of how these jabs could affect the election.

"Pennsylvania is a pretty parochial state. It has some cities but it is not as cosmopolitan as other states," he said. "You can connect with people by saying things like 'this guy is parachuting in to run for office,' especially if he's from New Jersey."

As Oz gains popularity in the polls, the longevity of this campaign strategy is being called into question.

"The senate race is going to be much more competitive," he said. "Fetterman's leading, but there are also a lot of undecided voters. Typically, these voters break away from the president's party."

Ellis said voters, particularly college-aged ones, will play a vital role in the midterm elections.

"There's always generational gaps regarding

Sal Iovino  
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As stated on the University's official website, the Bucknell President's Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement is awarded annually to those students who demonstrate the highest level of academic achievement by attaining a cumulative GPA of 4.00 on a scale of 4.00. Earlier this October, many students on campus were surprised to be notified that they had received the award despite not meeting the 4.00 requirement. The initial reaction on campus was confusion; many students who received the award could discern that they falsely received it simply by checking their own academic progress report. However, the letter sent by Bucknell's Vice President for Strategic Initiatives Robert M. Midkiff Jr., strangely curbed the skepticism many students had about their eligibility for the award. The email sent out to award recipients read as follows,

"Dear Bucknell Student: Congratulations on receipt of an annual student award! The awards given in the semester are based on work completed in the prior academic year or years, and recognize student achievements and accomplishments in both curricular and co-curricular activities. It is my pleasure, on behalf of my colleagues across the university, to provide the enclosed award. In addition, you will be listed on the Office of the Provost website as an award recipient for Fall 2022. My warmest congratulations on your accomplishments! Ray Bucknell!"

Notably, a GPA requirement was not mentioned within the email, allowing some students to believe that the requirement had changed or been lifted. This optimism lasted almost ten days until a large group of the award's recipients received an email from Tim Kracker, an employee at Bucknell's Office of the Registrar. The email

## Accidental President's Awards Given Across Students

was titled "Fall 2022 President's Award Error" and it said, "Due to a technical error you were incorrectly identified as a recipient of the Fall 2022 President's Award for Academic Achievement, which is awarded to those students who maintain a 4.0 cumulative GPA after each academic year. I sincerely apologize for this error. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns."

This was a corrective measure by the university to address the mistake, however for many, the apology did not exactly remedy the situation. When asked for a comment by the Bucknellian, Senior Kyra DeVoe, an accidental recipient of the award, stated,

"It's confusing how an error like this could occur and definitely disappointing. The letter that came along with the award didn't specify needing a 4.0 to be recognized so students that were wrongfully awarded and still have good GPAs were quick to believe they received an award from the school. Also, it's unfortunate for those who actually earned the award because this definitely takes the conversation away from their achievement and focuses on the schools mistake."

The school's acknowledgement of the mistake certainly helped temper the response from the student body, however, the issue of the accidental awarding remains. Maya Wadwha '23 echoed the thoughts of DeVoe, saying, "I am shocked and disappointed with the mistake Bucknell made in regards to the President's award. Not only did it falsely identify students who did not meet the requirements to receive the award, but it also took away the feelings of prestige that students who earned the award worked hard for. Bucknell needs to do better."

At this time, it is unclear if the University has plans to award the accidental recipients of the President's award, but students look forward to any further developments.

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# breaking the bubble

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News Co-Editor

## DOMESTIC

The Girl Scouts of America received their largest ever donation from a single donor, totaling \$84.5 million. MacKenzie Scott, the ex-wife of Jeff Bezos, will select 29 local councils where the donations will be allocated. The CEO of Girl Scouts of America, Sofia Chang, said the donations will greatly benefit and advance the organization's efforts to foster leadership skills for the 2.5 million members worldwide.

On Oct. 18, two United States Air Force warplanes intercepted a pair of Russian bombers that were encroaching on Alaskan airspace. The two Russian planes, Tu-95 Bear-H bombers, were intercepted by two American F-16 fighter jets. Despite the Russian planes entering American airspace territory, they were not deemed a threat nor displayed hostile behavior. The activity, at the moment, is not considered "provocative" in any way.

## INTERNATIONAL

Puerto Rico has suffered a blow of approximately \$159 million worth of crops after Hurricane Fiona swept through the island. Apart from what experts have considered to be "historic flooding" as well as the hundreds of landslides caused by the hurricane, 90% of the country's crops were demolished. There are severe concerns that farmers will not be able to recover from the environmental and financial damage the hurricane wreaked on the country.

Two climate activists threw cans of tomato soup onto Vincent Van Gogh's iconic "Sunflowers" painting in London's National Gallery. The protestors, members of Just Stop Oil, also glued themselves to the gallery wall in an effort to spread their message of combatting new British oil and gas projects. The painting is unharmed, though the painting's frame is slightly damaged.

# Annual Security and Fire Safety Report reveals lowered crime statistics following pandemic

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Anthony Morgan sent out this year's Annual Security & Fire Safety Report on Sept. 30, 2022.

Published statistics show a drop in violations have occurred campus wide since the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Annual Security & Fire Report includes instructions on reporting campus crimes, emergency response procedures, daily crime logs, weapons on campus and crime protection programs. The report also includes campus crime and fire statistics from 2019-2021.

Morgan has served Bucknell as its Chief of Public Safety since Feb. 1. He succeeded Steve Barilar, who worked at Bucknell for nearly 11 years.

It is intended to serve as another way to synthesize the prevalence of various denominations of crimes and other relevant information.

Reported cases of burglary at Bucknell have decreased — with four cases in 2019, three cases in 2020 and only one case in 2021.

Liquor law arrests have also decreased with 18 in 2019, 15 in 2020 and nine in 2021. However, liquor law violations have increased dramatically with 215 in 2019, 266 in 2020 and 368 in 2021.

Drug law violations have decreased but stayed relatively steady with 45 in 2019, 47 in 2020 and 33 in 2021. On the contrary, in each year of 2019, 2020 and 2021, only one drug law arrest took place, all of which occurred in residential facilities. Arson was documented on campus once in 2019, once in 2020, and not at all in 2021.

Only one residential building fire inflicted damage of more than \$100, which occurred in 2021. The fire was caused by cooking and incurred approximately \$2,000 to the South Campus Apartments, Building Two.

The report also includes the discrepancies between original claims and after correction for each year. The reports filed in 2020 had the largest discrepancies, especially as it pertained to liquor law violations, which was corrected by subtracting 143 offenses from the original number. The drug violations filed were also corrected and subtracted 16 from the original total, while stalking corrections added three incidents and rape also had incidents added.

In the past three years, Bucknell has had zero reported cases of domestic violence but stalking has increased with eight reported offenses in 2021. Dating violence offenses are

less prevalent than stalking incidences, and saw a decrease in prevalence from 2019 to 2021, with four, two and one offense each year, respectively.

11 cases of rape were documented in 2019, three cases were documented in 2020, and 12 cases, 11 of which took place in residential facilities, were observed in 2021. Similarly, four cases of fondling were reported in 2019 and seven cases in 2021, with zero in 2020.

It's worth noting that all trends observed, apart from drug law violations, liquor law violations, and stalking, have decreased in frequency year to year after the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020. Furthermore, the frequency of drug law violations decreased sharply from 2020 to 2021 as aforementioned.

The report then goes on to outline hate crimes at Bucknell from 2019-2021. According to the report, there has been one case of assault and one case of harassment, and both occurred in 2021.

Finally, the report summarizes fire trends and fire safety measures in residential housing. From 2019 to 2021, there have been five fires in residential buildings totaling less than \$2,000 in damages, and all of these fires were a result of cooking.

## GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

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people's views on things," he said. "But, there are some issues that are important to everyone. For a lot of people, you can boil it down to; Am I going to be safe? Am I going to be able to get a good job?"

Ellis said that while turnout among young people has been uncharacteristically high in recent years, pollsters are not

convinced that this will continue to be the case.

"If your winning strategy includes turnout among college students you're not going to do well," he said. "Whether high college turnout gets across the finish line, we don't know yet, but I wouldn't bank on that being the most likely scenario."

## Poet-in-Residence Brenda Shaughnessy gives poetry reading



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Michael Taromina  
Staff Writer

The Stadler Center for Poetry & Literary Arts' Sojka Poet-in-Residence program has brought poets of national and international renown to Bucknell for the past 40 years for an extended stay during the academic year.

This year's acclaimed literary artist was author Brenda Shaughnessy. Consistent with tradition, Shaughnessy was invited to a Poetry Reading on Oct. 18, where she impressed the audience with her emotional and heartfelt words.

A few of poems she read include, "Visitor," "Dear Gongly," "I Wish I Had More Sisters" and "I Have A Time Machine."

Shaughnessy's work is known for its ability to twin opposites, such as playfulness and eroticism, lyricism and humor or formality and strangeness. Throughout the reading, she told poems that had a backstory and expressed both positive and negative experiences she had yearned for, or even feared would occur.

Throughout the reading, Shaughnessy brought to light themes that touched her on a personal and deep level. Her poem, "I Wish I Had More Sisters," ignited what she believed was a necessary conversation that needed to be happening in literature, regarding sisterhood and the promise and everlasting effect of sibling relationships and large families.

"Blueberries for Cal," related the strides and struggles of motherhood and childhood, and the untold lessons that Shaughnessy learned about her role as a maternal figure.

But while Shaughnessy touched on themes that connect to her physical life, she also ex-

perimented with other major themes with her displayed works — such as sex.

Before reading her poem, "The Impossible Lesbian Love Object(s)," she explained how she was influenced Meret Oppenheim's "Object" masterpiece, and saw it as a medium for both sexuality and wit to be explored.

Her poem, "Our Family on the Run," analyzes a resounding fear of homelessness that Shaughnessy herself was afraid would become a reality, and questions whether the strength of her family would allow them to prevail over the hardship.

In addition to Shaughnessy's reading on Tuesday night, she also attended a lunch Q&A forum hosted by the Stadler Center for Poetry & Literary Arts on Thursday.

At the beginning of the event, and throughout her life, Shaughnessy advocated that poetry is a conversation, allowing authors of all genders, races and ethnicities to showcase their strengths in talking about some of the most vulnerable and humanizing topics.

"Strength means...acknowledging each of those feelings, your questions and ideas and faith and terror, and meeting what comes with the full force of your heart," Shaughnessy said.

Shaughnessy has received numerous awards for her work, including fellowships from the Radcliffe Institute, where she was a Bunting Fellow, the Japan/U.S. Friendship Commission and the Howard Foundation of Brown University.

She has taught at universities including Columbia, the New School, Princeton and New York University. Shaughnessy is currently an associate professor of English at Rutgers University-Newark.

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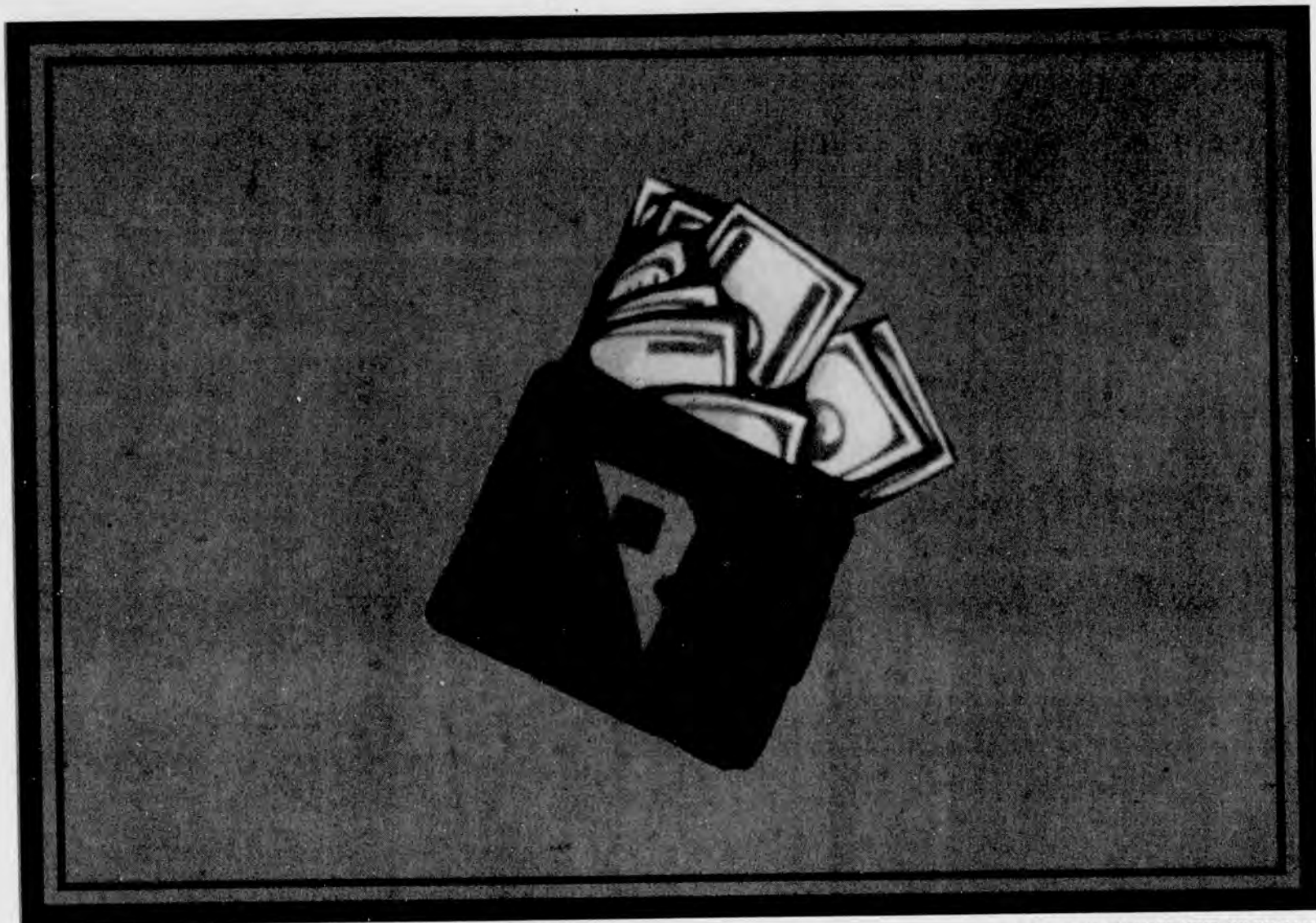
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# Bucknell raised nearly \$400 million in 10 years, here's how



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The University has gotten several record-breaking individual donations and pledges in the past few years.

Roughly \$392 million in total donations have been received between 2012 and 2022 from a list of benefactors that are largely anonymous to the public.

"Bucknell is grateful for the generosity of all of our donors, and gifts of every size make a difference at the University," Kathy Graham, associate vice president of Strategic Advancement Services and Campaign Administration, said to The Bucknellian, in an emailed response.

## Finding donations

Graham said Bucknell tries to connect potential donors to the University using areas that they are "most passionate about," whether it be through publications like Bucknell Magazine, electronic newsletters and social media, or events on and off campus.

Gifts to the University are not limited to financial donations, they can also come in the form of assets or property. One professor said academic departments don't have regular involvement in seeking gifts for the University.

"I am aware of few avenues for faculty to participate with Advancement at Bucknell," associate professor of political science Christina Xydias, said. "Occasionally, we are invited to meet with potential donors, at the behest of Advancement. I did one of these meetings last spring."

Students have an opportunity to appeal to donors through the Bucknell Student Calling Program, where students call alumni and parents of current students to directly ask for a donation.

Nina Sigety '23 is a student development supervisor at Student Calling, where she began working her first year as a caller.

"A normal call includes several steps," Sigety said, in an email. "First, your introduction; you need to tell the person on the other end of the line who you are and why you're calling. Then, you should try to engage them in any way possible."

Sigety said the point of these calls is to connect with the alumni about their favorite part of Bucknell.

"Eventually, once the prospect has given you some information, you can think of a way to build your case," she said.

Sigety said the largest donation she has gotten from a single caller was roughly \$10,000.

After the University finds a person who is interested in donating money, there are a number of ways an individual can give the gift.

"This can be as simple as sending in a check in response to a mailed solicitation, giving through our online giving site or clicking a link in an email solicitation and making a gift via credit card, PayPal, Venmo, bank transfer or cryptocurrency," Graham said, in an email.

The online giving site can be found here.

Donors can also give stocks or a gift from a donor advised fund, a method to donate cash

or assets directly to an organization and receive a tax deduction for it, to the University, according to Graham.

"Still others may work with one of our gift officers to fund a gift that pays income back to them, set up a provision in their estate plan or donate art or real estate to Bucknell," Graham said.

## Where does the money go?

The University keeps track of two different numbers, according to Graham, such as a "received" total and a "raised" total.

In 10 years, the University has raised a number of pledges, as well as estate intentions, to be paid out over the period of one to five years. Graham said these commitments provide an important source of on-going support for the University but not all of them are recorded on the University's financial statements.

Received money is what has already been given to the University and is able to be used, amounting to the \$392 million figure. Roughly \$191 million of that total was placed in the endowment, at the request of the donor, Graham said.

Only a percentage of income is available to be spent annually from endowment gifts. In that 10 year span, approximately \$52 million of gifts received was reserved for building projects.

"Increasing resources for financial aid is one of the highest priorities of the University and we talk with potential donors about that but it is up to the donor to decide where they will place their philanthropic support," Graham said.

Donors can "absolutely choose where their donation goes," once they decide to donate, but

this doesn't mean there aren't any rules for what to do with the money, Graham said. The University follows a number of restrictions, some based on IRS regulations or others based on the school's policy.

The University's gift acceptance policy is currently under revision and unable to be shared at this time, Graham said. It has never been available online.

## Anonymity, and turning down money

Bucknell does not publicly release a list of its donors, and Graham said she would not be willing to provide the list to The Bucknellian.

"At one point we did publish [an] Honor Roll of Donors but we only made the list available to donors," she said. "We do have recognition plaques across campus, feature donors in publications, and occasionally list a subset of donors but we have not published a full list for some time."

Bucknell has declined donations in the past for a number of reasons, such as donors placing too many restrictions on how the gift can be used. Graham said this can make it "too difficult" to use the money effectively.

A number of universities nationwide have faced lawsuits for allowing donors too much involvement in faculty hiring and academic activity. In 2018, George Mason University — a public university in Fairfax County, Va. — faced one of these lawsuits.

Keith D. Renshaw, who was the chairman of George Mason's Faculty Senate during the controversy, wrote a list

of recommendations in 2019 for administrators to "protect both academic freedom and donor rights."

He wrote that universities should make conditions of gifts publicly available — something Bucknell University Advancement does not do on its website.

Graham said when a donor tries to have too much involvement with the funds, the proposed gift is turned down.

"For instance, a donor may wish to fund a faculty position but wants to be the person who selects the faculty member who is hired," Graham said. "The University wouldn't want to accept a gift under these circumstances and the IRS would say that it is [not] a gift because the donor retained too much control."

Graham said the office will try to work with the donor to create "less restrictive parameters" in one of those cases.

"Other times we turn down gifts because they don't match our mission or other policies," Graham said.

Graham used the Samek Art Museum as an example. She said the University might turn down a piece of artwork if it does not meet the goals of the collection.

Accepting and maintaining the gift can sometimes outweigh the value of the gift itself, Graham said.

"Imagine a proposed gift of real estate that has environmental issues," she said. "The carrying costs of the gift and the expense of remediating problems before we sell it may far outweigh the value of the property."

Q: In what year did Bucknell open its female institute?

If you are the first person to send the correct answer to bucknlln@bucknell.edu, you'll win a voucher for a free milkshake valid at the 7th Street Cafe.



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While at the Weis Center, they will perform three works: *Pull*, *Drift*, and *MisFit*. This three-part program focuses on an evolution of a mindset, from being pulled, to drifting, to realizing who they are.

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## PSafe raids student dorms for wrongly attributed awards

Hayley Leopold  
Senior Writer

The best phone notification is not the “I loaded more dining dollars into your account” text from your mom or even that “Good morning :)” snap from you-know-who. Rather, everybody knows that the ultimate message is the one that notifies you that your package is ready to be picked up.

On a particularly rainy Lewisburg morning, Ben Benson '23 received just that notification. He retrieved his package, and excitement surged through his body while he examined what was inside: a shiny plaque with his name engraved into the wood.

“Congratulations!” an accompanying letter read, “You have been awarded the President's Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement.” Per the course catalog, “The President's Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement is awarded annually to those students who demonstrate the highest level of academic achievement by attaining a cumulative GPA of 4.00 on a scale of 4.00.” Beaming with pride, Benson immediately added this under the Awards/Achievements section of his LinkedIn page and called his parents with the good news.

There was just one catch: Benson did not have a 4.00 GPA. This is something he realized after receiving an email from the registrar's office notifying him that they accidentally sent him the award since he did not fit the criteria.

This case is not unique; the University sent physical awards to dozens of students who did not have the necessary qualifications. Mortified, Benson refuses to tell his parents the truth or remove the description from his LinkedIn profile.

The registrar's office is aware that students may be reluctant to turn over their awards, so they have employed PSafe's help to break into student dorms and steal back the flawed plaques. Over just three nights, they managed to recover over thirty plaques from unsuspecting students' rooms.

PSafe officers have received bitter backlash from the students whose rooms they raided. Benson reported, “How am I supposed to feel safe in my dorm when the thieves are the ones who are supposed to be protecting us?”

His roommate Dan Danson added, “I get stealing the award, but they could have left the Tito's.”

Students have taken advantage of the turmoil. With PSafe busy breaking into dorm rooms, frats were able to stay open later than they ever have before, achieving a record-shattering closing time of 12:40 a.m. this past Saturday.

It is rumored that PSafe will be conducting a second round of heists to reclaim the rest of the plaques. If you or a friend wish to retain your now-illegitimate awards, simply pull the fire alarm to distract PSafe from their mission.

## University forgets to inform professors about Fall Break

Siobhan Nerz  
Staff Writer

Bucknellians groaned in unison as they went back to school after enjoying a long weekend during fall break. Most chose to return to their homes for the four day weekend while others stayed on campus. No matter their location, Bucknellians used this time to relax and escape school work. Many spent their escape by indulging in luxuries, such as getting to bed before 10 p.m. and eating food from places other than Bostwick.

Although students had been counting down to fall break since September, the faculty was less informed of the mini vacation as the university did not tell them about the days off. Anthropology professor Sharon S. Tress recognized the absence of students on the quad and remarked, “it seems like Bucknellians are all studying in the library.”

Based on her assumption that students were vigorously working, she generously decided to assign them an extra essay on the Protestant work ethic to “keep them entertained.”

Other professors who were uninformed of the break planned tests for the Monday and Tuesday when students were not in class. Psychology professor

Don T. Care gave a pop quiz on the long term effects of stress to his Tuesday 8:30 a.m. class. After waiting in an empty classroom for 15 minutes, he sent out an angry email, berating students who did not come to class. When student Tara Heart '23 saw this email, she personally Zoomed Professor Care.

Heart begged to take the quiz, despite the fact she was still wearing her pajamas and had not washed off her overnight acne cream. Additionally, Heart explained to her professor that students were supposed to be on a break. Understandingly, Professor Care let Heart take the quiz and generously gave her half credit, despite her tardiness.

Overall, students are upset about the amount of work they received over the “break” as they had to use time away from school to do more academic work. First year Tye Eyre '26 asked, “is this some weird Bucknell prank?”

Although students are upset by their conditions, the campus agrees the professors are not to be blamed. They were only trying to challenge the students with academic vigor and engaging coursework.

## PETA activist on campus: Cannibalism over Carnivorism

Maximus Bean  
Satire Editor

While the phrase “fish are friends, not food” has been around since “Finding Nemo,” nobody expected it to go this far. On Oct. 11, when students were just arriving back to the university after an all-too-short Fall break, the University quietly brought in a speaker from the group known as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

While this group has been in the news for many things, such as encouraging people to use animal-friendly language (beat a dead horse vs. feed a fed horse), advising against consuming dairy and euthanizing pets, the speaker on-campus made a staggering suggestion: Instead of eating animal meat, try human meat instead.

Now, while this may seem shocking, it should be noted as well that speaker Lars DaMeet

suggested bugs and plants too as healthy alternatives. However, since human meat is the most shocking thing he mentioned, that's in the title. The point of his talk was that consuming living, breathing, beautiful animals was a mistake in human engineering, and that as a community, humanity should pursue other forms of sustenance.

“Let's be honest,” Lars said. “Big Meat tortures and kills animals all the time. It's an awful industry that needs some serious change, and since we believe animals have the same value as humans, it's about time we start varying our diet.” Naturally, he had a few suggestions for the audience.

The recipes he brought up were all fairly standard, since everyone was assured that plants, bugs, fetuses, or

cadavers don't really feel anything like animals do. Recipes like cricket-brûlée, fried lice, beetle-bubble tea, baked beans, kidney pie, cuisses du homme and even Impossible Burgers provide vital nutrients that don't need to come from normal, meat-sustaining animals. Plus as it turns out, these options are environmentally friendly, too!

Not only do these suggested alternatives reduce the risk of overpopulation, but they also release less carbon into the atmosphere too. Both of these are vitally important for solving the climate crisis at hand as well, which strikes two birds with one—Ahem, which feeds two birds with one scone.

The satire section formally apologizes for this speciesist slip-up. We hope to be better in the future.

## Biden announces '24 run, pundits expect it to be a slow jog

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WASHINGTON—The midterms aren't the only upcoming elections on peoples' minds. As the presidential primaries near, Democrats and Republicans are racing to select potential nominees. The Republican party seems to favor up and coming party leaders like Governor Ron DeSantis and Madison Cawthorn, but, until recently, the Democratic party had not disclosed who they felt would be a suitable contender to win the primary and subsequent general election come next year.

An excited spokesperson for the Biden administration announced that Biden is planning on running for re-election in 2024. Skeptical pundits expect that this will be more like a slow jog. The American public honestly just hopes he remembers to tie his sneakers.

On Thursday, the Biden administration held a press conference in the Rose Garden in order to share this interesting development. Press Secretary Jen Psaki exclaimed that Biden is “extremely excited to underwhelm the American public for another four years” if he is given the opportunity to serve a second term. Unfortunately, President Biden could not be in attendance, as he was attending the silver sneakers exercise class at the Capital View YMCA.

Our reporters were able to catch up with the president for comment later in the day at the unveiling of a new monument at the National Mall. When asked about his plans to run for re-election, Biden responded, “Sorry, can you repeat that?”

Fox News host Jesse Watters enthusiastically offered his opinion on the subject on air late Thursday. “This is just another example of Joe Biden's mental incompetence due to his age,” he lamented, “we can't endure another four years under this old man.” We followed up with Watters to see if he would be willing to elaborate on his view.

Watters explained, “Joe Biden isn't the only old person I hate. I take ageism very seriously in my life. It's one of my favorite ‘isms’. It's the whole reason I left my wife to marry someone 15 years younger than me. The American public should do the same.”

We will have more on the story if President Biden is able to hear our questions at the next press conference.

## Satire Section prints fake news, campus believes it

Aaron Chin  
Senior Writer

It's no secret that the University's newspaper is top of the line. With an immense amount of columns and sections, there is really no topic that the newspaper doesn't cover, and all of the news in the paper is entirely accurate... almost.

The satire section of the newspaper has always been top notch at concocting crazy stories with outrageous pieces of fake news. However, there has been an interesting phenomenon this year in which many of the students on campus have taken the “news” in the satire section to be 100 percent true.

For example, last week one writer claimed that all of the professors on campus are going to make all of the essays due on the same day. Many

students were alarmed by this. The library was crowded with overstressed students, and the 24 hour study room was filled with people trying to get their last-minute essays done. We reached out to some students to see why they were spending so much time in the library.

“I have a 16 page essay, a 20 page essay and a 10 page essay all due on Friday, the day we go on break,” one student said.

When we told these students that any news the satire section publishes is fake, it did not go over well, and some students complained. Some complaints included:

“So, I just wasted all my time on these essays for nothing?”

“The cafeteria isn't having any new dining celebrations?”

“Swae Lee doesn't have a

portal that transports him to alternate dimensions?”

However, some students were actually happy about the news, claiming that they were happy that the new Covid-19 test station wasn't looted, that no flying squirrels attacked the ROTC kids and the Bucknell Farm didn't secede from campus.

We will try our best as a Satire Section to be upfront about the news that we report and communicate very clearly that everything we say is a lie.

So the next time we tell you that parents are applying to Bucknell after family weekend, just be relieved that there is actually no possibility that you have to go to college with your embarrassing father.

But of course I might have been lying then, too.

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# Greek life to host Spooktacular

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The annual Bucknell Spooktacular event is hosted each year by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs in collaboration with Panhellenic and Inter-Fraternity Councils, and the remainder of the Greek Life community.

Providing local children with an opportunity for safe trick or treating, preparation and planning for Spooktacular has been ongoing since the beginning of the year.

Each semester the Greek community comes together for at least one large service event like Spooktacular. In the spring they host their annual Greek Week with various activities giving back to the community. These events require participation from every active chapter to fulfill the service pillar of their organizations.

With about 50 percent of the eligible Bucknell population participating in Greek Life, their existence is very well known amongst the town and University. Their governing documents and standards stress the importance of positive service contributions making events like these an important aspect of their presence in the community.

This year's Spooktacular will feature various trick or treating tables decorated and operated by different on-campus fraternity and sorority chapters. With over 150 Greek Life volunteers the event will also have inflatables, arts and crafts tables, temporary tattoos, yard games and more.

Each chapter that will be present

at Spooktacular had the opportunity to choose their table theme. The Chi Phi fraternity will display their superheroes theme while Alpha Delta Pi sorority will follow a princess theme. Other table themes include Halloweentown, candy corn, mummies, cowgirls, pirates and skeletons.

Thus far throughout the month of October there have been ongoing sales of Spooktacular T-Shirts designed by VP of Education, Advocacy, and Activism on the Panhellenic Council Noelia Vargas. Shirts have been used to build excitement around the event within the community and proceeds from sales will be donated to the Lewisburg Children's Museum.

The VPs of Programming work closely with Nellie Forker, Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, Olivia Libby, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, and Julia Leighow, Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, to coordinate and prepare for the event. The IFC VP of Programming Will Scott '24 and Panhel VP of Programming Jackie Silvers '23 both took time to speak on their intentions for Spooktacular.

"The goal of spooktacular is to give back to the families that allow us to do so much here," Scott said.

"The entirety of the greek community wants to come together and put on an afternoon of fun and games for kids so they can enjoy their halloween to the fullest. We are expecting hundreds of people to attend so it should be a ton of fun."

"I couldn't be more excited for Spooktacular," Silvers said.

"It will be a great opportunity for Bucknell's Greek community to connect with the Lewisburg community," Silvers continued. "With the help of every fraternity and sorority on campus, we want to provide children and their families a safe and fun environment to trick or treat in. Over well over 100 students in Greek life signed up to volunteer. We are also so excited to be supporting

the Lewisburg Children's Museum by selling shirts to commemorate the event. The museum is a place within our community that has been a wonderful resource for children and their families so we're happy to help their efforts."

When asked why events like Spooktacular are important to the Bucknell Greek Life community Gwen Scopelliti '24 shared.

"Volunteering and service are a large part of our sorority experiences," Scopelliti said. "While our individual chapters host our own philanthropy events and participate in other forms of service, having the Greek Life community come together for an event like this shows our dedication to giving back. It's great to see that we'll be able to make Halloween extra fun for some local kids."

"We really encourage our new members to get involved with all Greek service events like these," Paul Monaco '23 said. "It is a great way to jumpstart their involvement in the community and emphasize the importance of our service participation."

Spooktacular will be taking place outside at the McDonald Commons Lawn, 560 Christy Mathewson Drive, on Sunday, Oct. 30 from 1-3 p.m. The rain location for the event will be in the Davis Gym located on Moore Avenue.





# THE BUCKNELLIAN

# sports

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## Cross country secures top 100 spots at Penn State National Open, competes at ECAC

Noor Kaur  
Contributing Writer

This weekend, the men's and women's cross country teams competed at the Penn State National Open and the ECAC Championship in New York.

The women's team finished at the Penn State Open in thirteenth place out of 18 total teams. Keeley Misutka '25 led the Bison runners on the 6k course and finished 56th (22:06.3) out of 169 total runners.

"I felt that I ran a good race this past weekend against some strong competition. There's a lot of depth on this team and we're peaking at the right time. Coach Donner will have us prepared mentally and physically as we enter the final stretch of the season and look to make some noise at the Patriot League Championships next week," Misutka said.

"We are in good shape with four different number ones and a lot of consistency from the rest of our top 5-7," Mia Bellucci '23 said. "We're going to take training a little easier this week to prepare for the postseason. It's a very exciting time."

Following Misutka's lead were teammates Abby Paczewski '24 (61, 22:11.6), Bellucci (64, 22:15.3), Ally Clarke '24 (77, 22:30.8) and Caryn Rippey '24 (22:47.5).

Bucknell's top eight runners

competed at the ECAC, finishing 24 out of 34 teams, ahead of fellow Patriot League teams including Lafayette, Colgate and Loyola. Lauren Trapani '25 finished forty-ninth overall with a time of 22:30.5, followed by Hollie Walters '24 (113, 23:10.0), Lauren Joyce '26 (126, 23:17.9), Meghan Smith '24 (165, 23:41.3) and Meredith Haberfield '23 (226, 24:29.6).

On the men's side, the Bison finished 21 out of 31 teams at the ECAC, with Harry Marson '25 at the head of the pack (135, 26:19.1). Henry Didden '26 (143, 26:22.7), Jeffrey Gibbs '24 (161, 26:33.3), Christian Cadmus '24 (166, 26:39.5) and Mason Siebenhaar '26 (180, 26:46.1) followed.

Back at the Penn State Open with the men's top runners, Sam Whittaker '23 led the Bison men's team again as he secured 18th place (25:49.5) out of 162 runners. Out of 14 teams, the Bison finished in 10th place. Other runners that land a top 100 spot included Bobby Lynam '25 (54, 26:37.6), Ben Santos '25 (67, 26:52.9), Domenic Campagna '23 (79, 27:05.9), Noah Martin '23 (87, 27:13.5) and Grayson Crockett '24 (91, 27:17.1).

Both teams will compete at home this weekend, on Oct. 21.



## Bison Swim and Dive Win Big at Season Opener Meet

Charlotte Dursee  
Contributing Writer

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In their first meet of the season, men's and women's swim and dive went up against Boston University and Loyola — both teams came out victorious at the end of the match up.

The men's team came out on top of their opponents with scores of 154.5–145.5 and 208–90.

"Going into the first meet of the season there is always a lot of energy and excitement," John Gehrig '24 said. "Having the first meet against Loyol and BU just makes it that much more exciting and fun. Our team did a great job of preparing themselves throughout the season so far and an even better job at rising to the occasion of a big meet and delivering great swims."

The men won seven individual events and one relay. Gehrig and Chris Kopac '25 each had impressive

performances at the meet.

Gehrig came in first in the 100 and 200 butterfly and 200 individual medley. Kopac came in first in the 200 and 500 free. Leo Kuyl '23, Kopac, Justin DiSanto '25 and Chris Fabian '24 each helped contribute to the 400 freestyle relay first place placement, which had a time of 3:02.45.

"The team is in a great position for the rest of the year. There is still a long way until Patriot League Champs in February, but starting the season with two big wins is a great catalyst for our team to train hard and be great all year," Gehrig added.

On the women's side, swim and dive beat Loyola (174–126) and Boston University (187–113).

"The success we all had in the pool is not only a testament to how hard

each individual person is working day in and day out, but also to the strength of our team as a whole and across all events," Sabrina Vumbacco '23 said.

They finished with wins in five individual races, two from Vumbacco (500 and 1000 freestyle) and one from Jennifer Bolden '26 (200 free). Gina Hintiron '25 (one-meter dive) and Catherine Craig '23 (200 yard breaststroke). Craig also came in second in the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM.

"This first meet showed us that we not only have the potential to build on this previous success but to have a tremendously successful season ourselves," added Vumbacco.

Both teams look to continue the winning momentum in the next match Oct. 22 at Binghamton.

## Upcoming Events

### Men's and Women's Cross Country

- Bucknell Tune Up, 5:15 PM 10/21

### Volleyball

- @ Lafayette, 7 PM 10/21

### Field Hockey

- vs American, 11 AM 10/22

### Football

- @ Lehigh, 12 PM 10/22

### Women's Water Polo

- Bucknell Invitational 1/29- 1/30

### Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving

- @ Binghamton, 12 PM 10/22

### Women's Soccer

- vs Army, 2 PM 10/22

### Men's Water Polo

- @ San Jose State, 3 PM 10/22

### Men's Soccer

- vs Colgate, 6 PM 10/22

### Men's Golf

- @ Nassau Invitational, 10/24-10/25

## Bison Women's Golf ends high at Lady Blue Hen Invitational

Hugh Straine  
Contributing Writer

Bucknell women's golf closed out their fall campaign this past weekend in Rehoboth Beach, Del., competing in the Lady Blue Hen Invitational.

The event featured Dartmouth, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, Seton Hall, Navy, Quinnipiac, William & Mary, Youngstown State, Delaware State and St. John's, along with the Bison and the home team Delaware Blue Hens.

The Lady Bison were able to put it all together in their final event of the year, specifically during the final round. Tara Thomas '25 was able to card birdies on four of her first six holes on Sunday this past weekend, ending her season with a final round 76. Thomas split the three rounds with scores of 76-77-76, good for a T27 finish in a loaded field.

Kelsey Yi '24 was also able to end on a high note with a first round 75 and third round 76. A tough day two slotted her in fifty-seventh at the event's end. Paige Richter '26 was able to climb to a T45 after a final round 74.

Dartmouth took first place this past weekend, finishing with a +16 as a team. Bucknell

finished in 12th place out of 12 teams with a final team score of 310. But, it was about more than the tournament results themselves that highlighted their year.

Erin Drahnak '26, who delivered an 84 for her squad, spoke on what made this year worth it for her.

"The best part about the season was the team bonding we would have at practice, in the van, after a round, or in the hotel," Drahnak said. "I have a lot of fun memories of us goofing off a bit after the round."

Bucknell golf has had an eventful season, reaching the tops of some leaderboards and struggling in other events. However, this team worked hard and it was tough for them to see the season come to an end.

"It was bittersweet because we were all really excited to play at a really pretty course near the ocean but sad that our fall season was over," Drahnak said.

The Bison continue training in preparation for the spring, but a hard-fought fall season sheds hope that some victories will be coming soon.

## Bison Women's Soccer face tough Patriot League Competition

Maddie Rehak  
Contributing Writer

The Bison women's soccer faced two very tough teams this weekend.

The Bison opened the week with a game at Emmitt Field against Loyola University on Wednesday. The final score of this match was 0-0, however there was much action to this game. Throughout the game, both goalkeepers fought hard to defend both team's shot attempts.

Bucknell tried several times to score in the match and outshot the Greyhounds 16-11. Shots came from many different Bison to try to get on the board including Teresa Deda '25, Petie Nassetta '23, Abby Gearheart '23 and Hannah Stuck '24.

Through this battle goalie Jenna Hall '24 performed, earning her Patriot League Goalkeeper of the Week. Hall totaled a season-high eight saves this game. Seven of the total 11 shot attempts from Loyola came from their high scoring freshman and were all put away by Hall. Hall's tenacity in net granted her a league-winning eighth shutout of the season.

The Bison went on to compete with Boston University this Saturday. With the Bison

facing Boston again for the first time since the Patriot League Championship last season, both teams were showing up to compete. Deda capitalized with a goal just four minutes and 22 seconds into the game with an assist from Katie Schiano '25, giving them a 1-0 lead that they would hold for the rest of the game.

Boston did not have nearly as many shot attempts or attacking opportunities as the Bison held them off. Hall totaled three saves for the game. This win gave Hall her third consecutive shutout and fourteenth shutout of her career, placing her third in Bucknell's all-time list for career shutouts.

"Those were two very tough games for us, and I think we really stepped up as a group and went in with a lot of energy," Rylee Donaldson '23 said. "Wednesday was a hard fought tie and Saturday we all showed up and grabbed a big three points on the road."

The Bison women's soccer team will face Army this Saturday at 4 p.m. at home for senior night. You can find the game stats on the Bison Athletics webpage or Watch Live on ESPN+.





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## Field Hockey faces two hard-fought defeats

Lauren Medeiros  
Contributing Writer

Over the weekend, the Bucknell Field Hockey team faced off against Penn State and Richmond at Graham Field, but were defeated by both Penn State 4-0 and Richmond with a close score of 3-2.

On Friday night, the Bison came out with a strong start against Penn State. They kept the score 0-0 for the first quarter and let up only one goal in the second quarter right before halftime.

Within seconds into the third quarter, the Nittany Lions scored again. The Bison fought hard, but were unable to keep a 2-0 deficit. Later in the third quarter, the Nittany Lions solidified two more goals, heading into the fourth quarter up 4-0.

During the fourth quarter, the Bison had several shots on goal and earned two penalty corners. Ultimately, neither team was able to find the back of the cage in the fourth, ending the game with a 4-0 Nittany Lions victory.

Overall, goalkeeper Clara McCormick '23 finished the game with seven saves. Penn State took 27 shots, however, many of them were not on

target. Additionally, some game leaders for the Bison were Gugulethu Sibanda '24, Nicky Punt '26, and Kira Leclercq '26 all taking two shots each, while Lily Neilson '25 also contributed with one shot.

Along with Louisville, Penn State was the second ranked team that Bucknell has played this season.

On Saturday against Richmond, the Bison came out hungry for the win. Opening up the first quarter of the game, Rachel Apa '24 got the goals started for Bucknell around the 55 second mark. Shortly after, around the 5:22 mark, the Spiders retaliated with a goal.

With 2:10 left in the first quarter, Neilson played the ball into the circle, and Apa was there to make contact, sending it past the Richmond goalkeeper to the far side of the cage.

The Bison held a 2-1 lead heading into halftime, as the rest of the first quarter and the entire second quarter remained scoreless for both teams. However, almost three minutes into the third quarter, the Spiders evened

the score 2-2, and four minutes after that, they took a 3-2 lead.

The Bison continued to have chances as they took nine shots total in the second half. Despite the hard work and determination, the Bison were unable to score again, facing a close 3-2 defeat.

Throughout the game, McCormick made several critical saves for the orange and blue, keeping the score at a one point deficit. Furthermore, other game leaders were Apa with two goals, Neilson having six shots, Leclercq taking four shots and Gianna Puorro '26 contributing one shot.

"Although we didn't get the outcome we all wanted, I think all of us worked really hard on the field for each other and dominated most of the game," said Puorro.

The games this weekend did not end in the Bison's favor, but they still remain in second place in the Patriot League with a 3-1 record. On Saturday, Oct. 22, Bucknell will return to playing against Patriot League schools as they host American University.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Chris Kopac '25

### Profile

#### Sport

Swimming

#### Hometown

Ashburn, V.A.

#### High School

Riverside

#### Position

Free/IM



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Caleb Wooten  
Contributing Writer

The Bucknell men's swimming & diving Team had a blazing start to their season this past weekend, picking up wins over Loyola and Boston University by scores of 154.5-145.5 and 208-90, respectively in their tri-meet.

Chris Kopac '25 was a huge contributor for the Bison, racking up wins in the 200 freestyle, 500 yard freestyle and 400 yard freestyle relay. The former First Team All-Patriot League selection was extremely happy with how the team performed, especially considering that this weekend was the first collegiate meet for 11 of the 28 members of the team.

"It was a super high stakes meet as Loyola was our biggest rival from last year, and the meet with Boston last year was really close," Kopac said. "Our coaches had us focus really well, and we were able to execute this weekend."

Kopac is 200 freestyle school record holder and has experienced much success already in his short Bucknell career so far. Outside of individual success, Kopac is coming off of great team success with the Bison, as they are

coming off of a top three finish at the Patriot League Championship last year. In order to replicate that success, Kopac believes it starts with the expectations the team has for themselves.

"After last year's success, our coaches want to hold this team to even a higher standard, and that's great for the team," he said. "They have done a great job preparing this team for not just replicating, but surpassing the success from last year. We had the highest point total that we have ever had last year, but we want more."

Despite being a young group, the Bucknell men's swim & dive team looks to be in a better position than ever. To be able to do what they did was nothing short of impressive and definitely gives the Orange and Blue a huge boost to start the year.

The team looks to build off this success going into their matchup at Binghamton this Saturday at 1 p.m. If the Bison continue to show the poise they did this weekend, they will be in more than a good position as a team not only this weekend, but for the rest of the year.

## Men's Soccer travels to N.Y., loses to Army

Clara McCormick  
Sports Editor

The Bison men's soccer team has been fighting hard this season, but could not secure the win against league opponent Army last Friday, as they fell to the Black Knights 4-1.

The Orange and Blue managed to get on the board first in the contest. Mo Tall '23 scored his third career goal after earning a penalty kick just after the quarter hour mark. The Knights responded not soon after on a corner kick.

At halftime, the score remained tied 1-1, but early in the second half a hard foul by captain MJ Kuczura '24 resulted in a red card for the Bison. Being a man down did not serve the Bison well, as Army responded with three more goals. The game ended with the Knights outshooting the Bison 23-5.

Despite the chaos, rookie goalkeeper Freddie Lapworth '26 managed to make four saves.

On Wednesday, the team crossed the border into New York once again to face No. 4 Syracuse under the lights. In an exciting match, the Bison barely fell to the nationally-ranked team, with the final score being 2-1 in favor of Syracuse.

Lapworth had a career-high 12 saves in the game, keeping the Bison alive. The goals-against occurred just under ten minutes into the match and in the 64th minute.

Four minutes after Syracuse's initial goal, rookie Charlie Holmes '26 found the back of the net. Holmes' goal was scored with the help of Cade McGrath '26, Zane Domsohn '26 and Eddie Perez-Pelaez '23.

Defensively, Lampworth wasn't the only one contributing, as Jack Roberto '25 and Matt Owusu '24 saved two shots with their foot and chest respectively.

"It was a well fought battle from the group," Owusu said. "We kept it tied at 1-1 for most of the game against arguably the best team in the country. We played with a lot of passion, heart, and grit. Syracuse had to work for the result and we made it difficult for them. Ultimately we grew as a group today, which will help us this Saturday."

The Bison managed to stop the 29 shots that came at them against Syracuse, and hope to maintain this grittiness in their next match this Saturday against league opponent Colgate.

## Bison Volleyball faced Army in PRIDE game

Jamilie Atiyeh  
Contributing Writer

This weekend, Bucknell hosted Army for a PRIDE game in support of the LGBTQ+ community at Bucknell. The Bison were seen wearing rainbow bows as they battled out matches against the knights (25-16, 25-21, 25-16).

Though the Orange and Blue didn't come out with a win, there were some stand-out performances posted throughout the game. In the first set, the Bison rallied close to the Knights with a score of 12-10 but the Knights pulled ahead to the end.

The second set began with a Bucknell lead of 6-4 with a block from Bri Frazilus '26 and Allie Lopez '24 being a

contribution. In the second, with the Black Knights leading 14-13, the Bison rallied for three set points due to two kills from Tijana Kostic '26 and another Frazilus/Lopez block.

"I think we had glimpses of great defense and aggressive swings but we struggled with maintaining that level of play," Lisa Zoch '23 said. "Army is a really strong team so consistency is key against them. Consistency is definitely something we're focused on this week in practice to prepare for our matches this coming weekend."

The Bison will now continue league play with four away matches.



# beyond the bison

## Tom Brady: Career or Family?

Kaylee Donnelly

Staff Writer

As a famous name in football for the past 20 years, it's no surprise that Tom Brady has made mainstream news after his first six weeks of the regular season.

This time, however, it's not for his outstanding performance. Brady has found himself with his worst start through six weeks since 2012, as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are now 3-3 after their loss to Pittsburgh on Sunday.

The quarterback, obviously frustrated with the start, heavily cursed out his offensive linemen on live television in the middle of their game against the Steelers.

It's almost inevitable that Brady's age and experience in the NFL is now being called into question. The quarterback retired in the beginning of 2022

after the end of the season. His legacy was fulfilled. He is a seven-time Super Bowl champion and one of the biggest names in football. He had done what everyone expects a good quarterback to do: retire on a high note.

Some even questioned whether Brady was too old last year, but he had gone and proved many wrong, leading the Buccaneers to a winning season and bringing them to the playoffs. Brady had even secured a job with Fox Sports as a broadcaster, meaning he would not have to completely step away from the sport he clearly loved.

It took only 40 days in retirement for him to announce his return to the NFL.

This decision to play has clearly come with its own set

of complications, not only for Tampa Bay, but for Brady's personal life as well. A public relationship is never an easy one, especially for two high celebrities such as Tom Brady and his wife Gisele Bündchen respectively.

Because of this popularity, however, it's well known that Gisele has not been in favor of Brady extending his football career into his forties. She has been adamant about the violence in football, particularly regarding Brady's health and the amount of concussions he has suffered.

It was soon after his announcement out of retirement that reports came out that Brady and Gisele were no longer living together, staying at separate homes in Florida. This season, Gisele has been

absent from home games. The final confirmation came just recently, when reports came out that both of them had hired divorce attorneys.

Relationship issues, especially at this level of publicity, are extremely difficult. But it draws the question of whether or not these issues are affecting Brady's performance. The quarterback missed much of preseason camp, reported to be sorting out things with his wife and kids, and his playing time was not affected despite missing a large chunk of important training.

The Buccaneers coach remains confident that Brady's playing time despite missing training is not a result of his legacy, but that itself seems questionable.

Brady has put up a career low 3.2 percent touchdown rate

while attempting to pass, with only eight touchdown passes in his six games. The Buccaneers average about 20 points per game, down from 30 points the previous year.

Although the season is not over, the Buccaneers relying on Brady's offense may not be the key to success for the team. At 45, aging and struggling with marital issues that likely revolve around his return to play, perhaps Brady should have stayed retired.

The public will never know the full story, but for Brady what it seemed to have come down to was the lack of willingness to give up his career. Only six weeks in, the Buccaneers still have a chance to come back, but Brady's frustration with both his and the team's play is evident.

## Women's Tennis prevails in Michigan

Morgan Sohosky

Senior Writer

The women's tennis team was on the road last weekend competing against three different schools in Michigan including Davenport University, Grand Valley State University and Ferris State University.

The team had an overall 2-1 record, falling only to Ferris State.

They first stopped in Grand Rapids, Mich., to compete against Davenport University. They had a 4-3 win over the Panthers, but not without a fight. Tyne Miller '24 turned the Bison around as she pulled out a win in the No. 2 singles.

Contributing to the team win also included Caroline Marcus

'25, who won a first-set tiebreaker 9-7 and won the second set 6-4 to take the win over her opponent. Anna Lajos '25, playing the teams No. 1 spot, started her match behind, losing the first set. She came back with a second set tiebreaker and fought a strong 6-1 final set to take the win. Finally, Whitney King '25 also had a straight-set win at No. 3 singles.

As they moved along with their weekend, their next stop was a dual match against both Grand Valley State University and Ferris State University in Allendale, Mich. They finished with a split,

including a win over the Grand Valley Lakers and a loss against Ferris State Bulldogs.

Starting out against the Lakers, Kate Novak '24 brought in a win after a long match which clinched the 5-2 win for the Bison. Four out of the six matches went into three sets, making it a long day for the Lady Bison. This showed as they entered their final match against the Ferris State Bulldogs and ultimately fell 1-4.

The women's tennis team will have a restful off-season as they prepare for their next match in the spring at Rutgers University in Piscataway, N.J. on Jan. 21.

## The Bison Men's Water Polo Team had an intense weekend in the pool

Hannah Stuck

Senior Writer

The Orange and Blue men's water polo claimed victory against Mount St. Mary's 12-8, improving their record to 11-8 overall and 8-3 in the conference, this weekend.

The Bison scored four consecutive unanswered goals, overcoming the 8-7 deficit at the time.

The Bison were tied with Mount St. Mary's at the end of the first quarter, with Aleksa Stefanovic '26 and Matt Ryckman '25 scoring the first two goals of the match.

Andu Vlasceanu '23 started off the second quarter strong for the Bison, being the first to score before the Bison went to score five of the next six goals.

The Mount St. Mary squad came back in the third quarter, scoring five unanswered goals, taking the lead 8-7 on the Bison with around seven minutes remaining in the match.

The Orange and Blue answered immediately, ending the game with five straight goals from Hasan Mogultay '25 (2), Josh Yardley '23, Stefanovic, and Shay Gillearn '25.

Stefanovic and Mogultay were the leaders for the Orange and Blue, both scoring three goals in the match.

"Despite playing in a shallow-deep pool, we managed to control the game and impose our rhythm," Stefanovic said. "During most of the game, we played well in defense and managed to neutralize their best shooters."

The Bison received another MAWPC win on the road, becoming 8-3 in the conference.

The team then faced Navy in another MAWPC match at Kinney Natatorium. The Orange and Blue went down early in the match, with Navy taking a 4-1 lead in the first 10 minutes.

Navy stayed off the board for the rest of the second quarter, with the Bison scoring three unanswered goals from Stefanovic and Ian Shultz '26, tying the game with three minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The Bison and the Midshipmen continued to go back and forth for the remainder of the match, forcing the game into overtime. The Bison had an opportunity to score on a penalty shot before overtime, but the Navy goalie saved it.

Jack Lewis '23 and Yardley scored two goals in overtime, but the Midshipmen kept fighting until the final whistle, and the match went into sudden death.

"Unlike the match with Mount St. Mary's, we allowed the opponent to impose their style of play. We didn't cope with their solid defense and that's one of the reasons why we lost the game," Stefanovic said.

The Mids had the first possession, ending the match by scoring a long range shot.

The Orange and Blue will travel to Santa Clara, Calif. for four games on Oct. 22-23.

## Bison Football falls to Yale

Clara McCormick

Sports Editor

The Bison football team presented some exceptional defense against Yale in New Haven, Conn., but could not overcome the Bulldogs on Saturday.

The defense came up with five takeaways including four interceptions. This was the first time the Bison intercepted four passes in a game since Sept. 30, 2000.

Brent Jackson '23 contributed 12 tackles and his first career interception. Jonathan Searcy '23, Gavin Pringle '23 and Alex Smith Jr. '25 contributed

picks. John Schlendorf '25 also tallied seven tackles, a sack and a forced fumble.

Offensively, Rushawn Baker '25 rushed for 113 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries for the Orange and Blue, and sophomore quarterback Ethan Grady completed 13 out of 26 pass attempts for a total of 102 yards.

Also contributing points for the Bison was rookie kicker Matt Schearer '26, who scored a 39-yard field goal, the first field goal of his career.

This kick was the first time Bucknell scored first in a game this season.

While the Bison eventually fell to the Bulldogs 29-9, there were many positive and confidence-inducing moments in the game.

Senior Matt McCreight spoke about this confidence, as they head to Bethlehem, Pa. this Saturday to take on Lehigh.

"We're excited because Lehigh is a rivalry for us, and it's always a good game," McCreight said. "We're confident that we're going to get our first win this week."

The game will be at noon on Oct. 22, and can be streamed on ESPN+.

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# Fall Fashion at Bucknell



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Contributing Writer

The air is cold and the pumpkin spice lattes are hot. It is officially fall at Bucknell University.

If you're from out of state, I recommend enjoying the chill. It is about to get colder, snowy and frankly, uglier. But for now, the leaves are turning, Thanksgiving is right around the corner and everyone has dusted off their sweaters.

Fall is my favorite time of year and that is mainly because of Virgo season and because of the fashion! A new fashion season is so exciting because you get to rediscover all your favorite pieces for the new weather. I live for the boots, the sweaters and the suede. So, let's take a look at what the campus is wearing and how to pumpkin-spice up your wardrobe for fall!

First and foremost — it's hoodie season. The Bucknell sweatshirt is an instant

staple for class, the caf or a coffee run. You really cannot go wrong with your favorite pair of blue jeans, a hoodie and a chunky sneaker to stay warm and casually cool around campus.

I think we'll also see the flared legging coming back for the fall and they make great casual outfits when paired with sweatshirts or sweaters. My favorite thing this season is cropped sweaters! A cropped sweater, flared legging and sneakers would be a fantastic and easy way to elevate your everyday wear.

And while we're on sweaters, be sure to throw one on with a cute skirt before it gets too cold. Nothing says dark academia like pleats and plaid and we're seeing a lot of people lean into that Gilmore Girls/Gossip Girl vibe with their skirts this season. I for one, will be

wearing skirts and sweaters all season long, it is basically my uniform.

Chunky knits are phasing out a bit I think in favor of a more cropped, stylized knit and I would recommend taking advantage of your turtle-necks. These have definitely made a comeback in recent years, but I think they are a timeless staple for everyone's closet. Just be careful with how you style them unless you want to look like that one picture of the rock. Honestly though, that look is iconic, so I say go for it. Turtlenecks are also a great opportunity to show off your jewelry on solid canvas and I think we'll be seeing a lot of pearl chokers peeking out from folded-over necklines.

Before we get to outerwear, I do want to touch on the real queen of college fall fashion- the flannel.

Flannels are always in, always cozy and always cute. You cannot go wrong with a little crop top and an oversized flannel thrown on over. Button it up and tie it off for the classic Christian-Girl Autumn look.

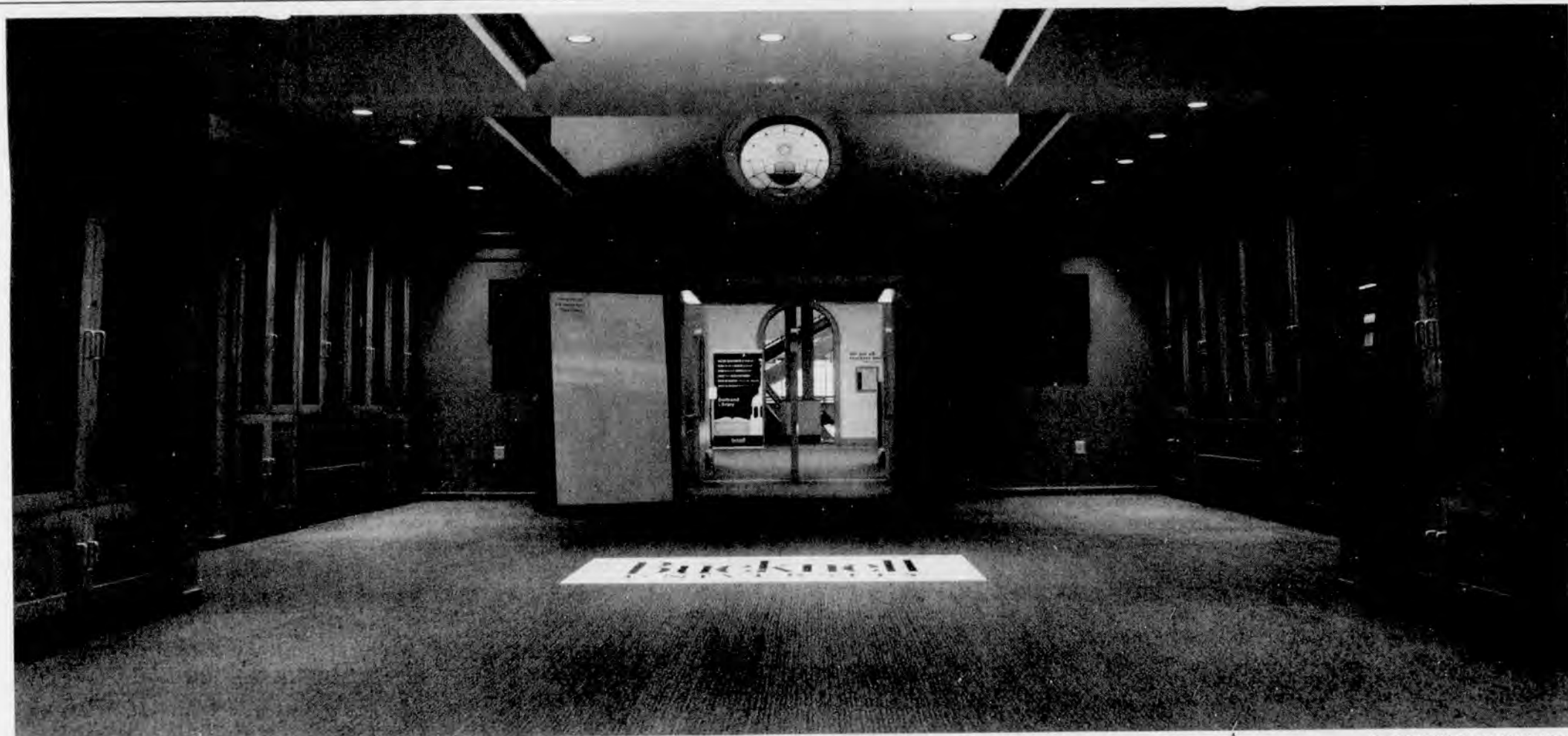
And of course, you can put it on over a gray hoodie. Now you should be dressing for yourself but in case you were interested, the quickest way to my heart in the fall is a flannel over a hoodie and hot cup of tea. American Eagle has brought back the flannel-hoodie in both their Men's and Women's line and I would go as far to say it is a must-have for this season.

Speaking of must-haves, it is only going to get colder so now is the time to talk mom into buying you a new jacket. Blazers have been all over the high street and Instagram and I, quite frankly, hate

them. Personally, I think they're a bit boring, not very warm and impossible to feel cozy in.

But if that's what keeps you warm this autumn, go for it. I think sherpas and teddy-coats are still adorable and the bomber jacket, though it has faded out of recent trends, is definitely a great option. Particularly after the success of Top Gun: Maverick this summer, you, your bomber and your sunglasses are going to have to beat the secret admirers off with a stick.

The important thing to remember is that you're going to look the best in what makes you feel the best. For me, that means freezing my legs off in a mini skirt, ankle boots and oversized sweater. I'm quite excited to see what that means for you. Stay warm!



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## A Nod to Lower Level 1

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Senior Writer

In order to achieve academic success at Bucknell, the decision of where to study on campus need not be taken lightly. There are a variety of spaces for every type of student.

Do you want an active, loud atmosphere? I recommend the ELC or the Seventh Street Café. You need silence and can't focus in your room? Then it might be time to take the trek to good old reliable, Bertrand Library.

But even within such an esteemed study space, there are too many options to bear. That's why I'm writing this, to help you see that the Lower Level One is the most elite part of the library to get your work done.

Before we dive into the gem that is Lower Level One as the best floor in the building, we must rule out the others.

The easiest floor to pin as last is the top floor. This is primarily due to the trek that it takes to get there.

No matter the season, I am in a full sweat by the time I make it up those stairs. Trying to concentrate after your heart rate has skyrocketed is not an easy feat. And oddly enough, the top floor always smells like burnt toast.

Let us now move onto Lower Level Two. This floor is second to last for two main reasons. The first is that I have only been there once. I want a study space to draw me in somehow and the lack of intrigue and allure surrounding this floor is reason enough for me to place it low on the hierarchy of floors. The second involves my one and only experience down there.

I was in between classes and went to Lower Level

One, in search of a worthy spot but came back around to the stairs out of luck. At that point, I was restless. I remember a peer walking downstairs to Lower Level Two and my mouth went agape under my mask. There's a Lower Level Two, I remember thinking to myself.

The curiosity forced my feet down those stairs and to a table. I remember how dark it was down there. You'd think it would be more silent than Lower Level One but I'm here to inform you otherwise. A group of six students sitting at the table adjacent to me were joking around.

Relative to the level that talking in a library should be, I'd argue that they were screaming through a megaphone. I tried my best to zone out the noise, waited

for my next class to come around and trudged up the stairs with my belongings, unable to shake off my disappointment.

The second floor is the next to go. After it being my go-to freshman year, the second floor is no longer even a consideration. There are simply too many memories attached to this floor. I have out-studied my welcome, and I've come to terms with that. There is also something so visible about the second floor and the first floor that seems unattractive for a study spot.

Lower Level One offers a private and quiet ecosystem that keeps me coming back. You can hide away in one of many study rooms, cubicles, and larger tables that serves as a perimeter for the books. There are also tables hidden within the heart of Lower

Level One, and while I've never personally sat over there, I do notice how satisfied everyone looks as I pass.

Lower Level One is everything that the other floors wish they could be and more: its inviting, it doesn't take forever to get to, it's quiet and offers secluded seating and most of all, it doesn't smell of toast.

Maybe I haven't done the best job at selling Lower Level One or turning you away from the other floors, but maybe that is not the point of this article.

Hopefully you can learn from my experiences, but at the end of the day, you have to find the spot in Bertrand, or on campus as a whole, that suits you best. It will come in time and when you've found what I've found in Lower Level One, you'll know.



## Democrats' Reluctance to Take "Oddball" Candidates Seriously Could Cost Them



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We all remember election night in 2016: Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton was the frontrunner, and Democratic campaign strategists sat back calmly as the votes from the electoral college came in.

Many Americans went to bed before the election was even called. Then, on the morning of Nov. 9, 2016, the American public awoke to see that Republican nominee Donald J. Trump had won the election and was headed for inauguration in January. For those interested in politics like me, I thought there had to be some sort of mistake. Political opinions aside, nearly all polling had pointed to a Clinton victory.

What pollsters had failed to acknowledge were the people who weren't responding to their polls. While Trump voters had been vocal on social media and present at rallies in support of the former president, journalists and political scientists alike overlooked their enthusiasm because Donald Trump was such an odd candidate. He diverged from the Republican party's messaging and opted to communicate with his supporters in informal ways that went below the political establishment's radar.

So goes the story over the last few election cycles. Party politics have convinced us that party leaders essentially choose their candidates and that polling can aptly predict who the winner of each election will be. This leads to complacency and inaction. And, as the close race between Oz and Fetterman illustrates, the Democrats still have not learned their lesson in the years following 2016.

Over the summer, polls showed that Fetterman had a sizable

12-point lead on Oz. Since then, the gap has closed considerably, with recent polling putting Fetterman only five points ahead of Oz. If the Democrats have a vested interest in keeping control of the Senate, it is simply not showing in their handling of the Senate race here in Pennsylvania.

Over the past couple of weeks, the Oz campaign has spent millions of dollars on advertisements that hit critical issues for Republicans and Independents — crime, spending, and immigration. The Fetterman campaign issued a single rebuttal, where a law enforcement officer proclaimed his support for Fetterman's voting history, but besides that, the campaign has not taken control of messaging to the public, and polling reflects that.

In recent elections across the country, different kinds of candidates have popped up and won, upsetting party favorites and more mainstream candidates. Political party leaders who once had a lot of control over candidate selection and campaigning have seemed to lose grip on the reigns. However, as this happens time and time again, party leaders are not changing their approach to campaigning.

So what does this mean for the future of party politics? Party leaders are in need of a wakeup call. The priorities of voters on both sides of the aisle are changing and mainstream candidates simply are not attracting the amount of enthusiasm and attention that unexpected candidates, such as Oz, are. If the Democrats want to keep control of the Senate this November, it is imperative that they don't take any election for granted.

## Dear Professors, Fall Break is not for homework

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"Have a nice Fall Break!" your professor exclaims as everyone eagerly exits their last class before break, racing to head home. Fast forward to day two of Fall Break: you've finished your skincare routine and it's finally time to make a snack and assemble in front of the TV.

Out of nowhere, you get that dreaded email titled: Modification to Sunday's Assignment.

Sunday's assignment? I thought we were supposed to be on break! Feelings of betrayal and frustration arise, as you think back to your professor's well wishes and realize none of it was real. How can I "have a nice Fall Break," if I am still burdened by three different due dates?

Fall Break: the long weekend that all Bucknellians yearn for the second the leaves begin to turn. Whether we choose to head home, travel, or luxuriate on campus at its quietest, there is no denying that Fall Break provides the recharge every student deserves at this point in the semester (or so it's supposed to).

I have never been one to travel around during Fall Break. This isn't because the break only lasts a measly four days, but because I like returning home and basking in every possible homely comfort. After being at school for a while, home-cooked meals and showering without shoes become a luxury.

After experiencing four Fall Breaks at Bucknell, I can confidently say that the same frustration has plagued me every time: the workload. Is the idea of a "break" really such a hard concept to grab?

My excitement to finally relish in relaxation at home is always immediately tarnished by the dreaded email reminder from my professors to complete a Moodle assignment. As a procrastinator I push off the work I need to complete for as long as possible, and am then burdened by it for the entirety of my break.

Being proactive and finishing the assignments early isn't even an option most of the time, considering the assignments are posted the Friday before break when people are traveling and off their emails. The root of the issue lies in the fact that professors don't respect their students' time.

The purpose of Fall Break is for students to recover from the rigorous Bucknell workload by spending time

with their friends and families. For First-Years especially, Fall Break gives them the time they need to process their college experience and regain the motivation to return to school and put their best foot forward.

Nothing kills family dinners and movie nights quite like remembering you have to submit something to Moodle by midnight. This may be extreme to say, but I would argue that the audacity to assign homework over Fall Break is a breach of students'

privacy and personal time.

For the future, I urge all professors to reconsider whether assigning their students work is worth sacrificing their students' coveted Fall Break, which is already such a limited amount of time. As for the students, what I beg of all of you is to speak up when you feel that your boundaries have been crossed. Maybe this is the senioritis in me, but don't be afraid to push back on assignments and prioritize your own well-being.



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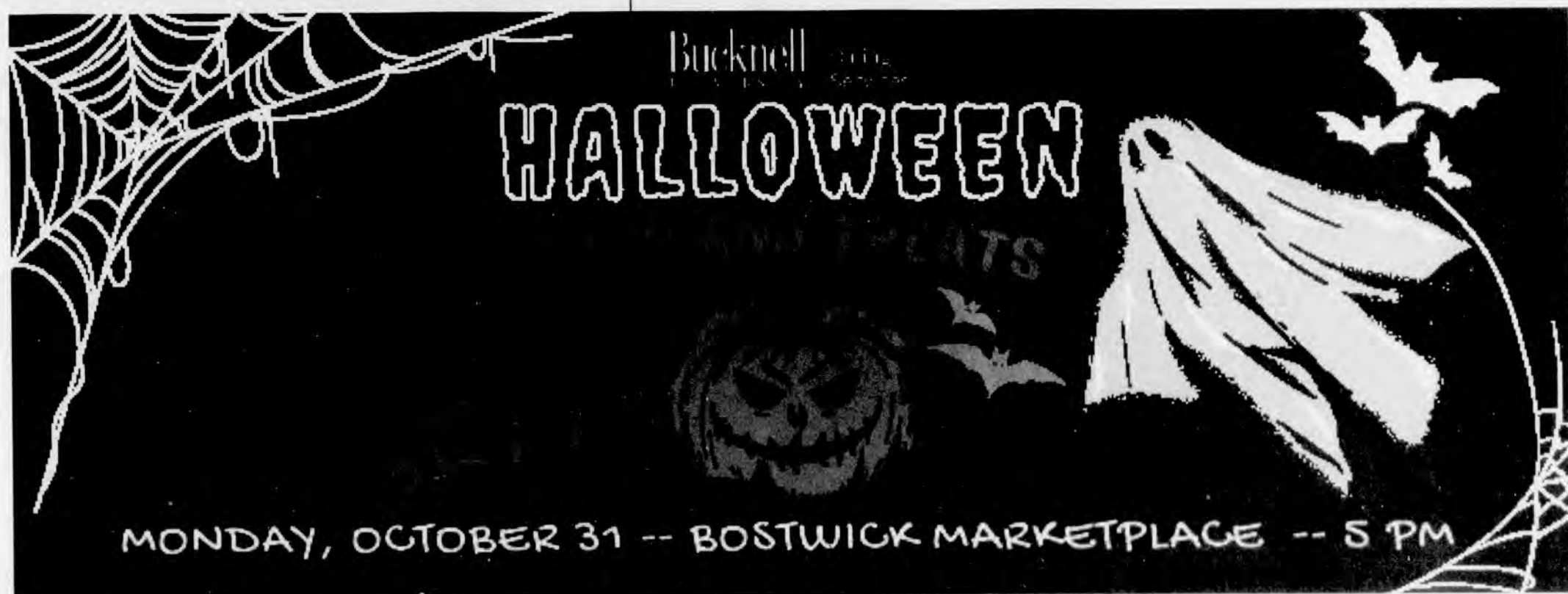
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## What to do at Bucknell during Fall '22

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### Dale's Ridge Trail

The Dale's Ridge Trail, located on the 137 acre Dale/Engle/Walker property, is said to be one of the most popular trail spots in Lewisburg. The hike provides a view of the Lewisburg landscape such as the Buffalo Creek, open fields and immense amounts of trees with leaves that at this time of year have begun to change color.

The trail brings hikers 160 feet above the Buffalo Creek towards the end of the hike with an open overlook. With the trail being only two miles, it is branded for hikers of all skill levels and experience. Located less than ten minutes from Bucknell campus, Dale's Ridge Trail is available for Bucknell students looking to be active in the fall.

### Lewisburg Farmers Market

The Lewisburg Farmers Market is open every Wednesday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Over 100 local vendors attend and sell a variety of unique items. The market was started in 1937 and is now one of the longest standing markets in central Pennsylvania. The Fall season is a very popular time at the market due to all of the seasonal foods available. On Oct. 22, the market is having their annual Apple Harvest, an event that the market only features during the fall.

A new addition by the market is a delivery option provided by many of the vendors. Students can capitalize on this opportunity if they are unable to get to the farmers market due to class. The market is particularly known for the local Amish fresh produce and dairy products.

which are a staple of central Pennsylvania history and culture. The market is located at 499 Fairground Rd, Lewisburg, Penn., and is stocked with various fresh and seasonal options for the Lewisburg community.

### Ard's Farm

Hay riding, pumpkin picking and corn mazes are common fall activities that one may be missing out on while away from home. Ard's Farm allows for families and college students to experience all three. The farm is a great way for many to get into nature in a seasonal manner.

Owen Rigney '25 shared his experience at the Ard's corn field. "Walking through the corn fields at Ard's farm is a calming feeling like none other," Rigney said. "The nature of walking through a dense sea of green makes time slow, leaving you with only your thoughts."

There is also a fresh market and restaurant located on the farm. The farm was founded on the goals of "providing quality food to the community in the most responsible way possible, and being good to people," and they have been in business and upholding these goals for over thirty years, according to their website. They are a prime example of many of the small businesses in Lewisburg by providing great fall food and experiences.

### Stroll through the arts

From Oct. 15-22 over 50 local artists from the Susquehanna Valley region will be promoting and showcasing their artwork in downtown Lewisburg. Many of the artists will have meet and greets where they

will answer any questions about their art. There will also be a very wide variety of art present. Ceramics, fiber arts, woodwork, watercolors, oils and acrylics are just some of the different types of art present at the stroll. Even edible art will be available to be tried at the stroll. This year the event is only happening this fall season and is a way to experience art up close and in person.

### Rail Trail

Since its opening in 2011, the Rail Trail has been the home to many outdoor activities such as biking, incline skating, mountain biking and more. The 10.28 mile trail starts at Market Street in Lewisburg and ends on North Tenth street in Mifflinburg. Walking distance from Bucknell's campus, both athletic teams and students often make use of the asphalt trail.

"My favorite way to clear my head after a day of academics or to just get some exercise in the crisp autumn air is to take a run on the rail trail," Jack Romano '23, a frequent runner, said.

He said his typical route starts behind the Miller Center, where a few mile job "immerses me in the picturesque farmland of Lewisburg lined with the comforting colors of fall."

He continued, "the terrain is smooth and conducive to a tranquil walk, run, or bike if that's what you desire, but also ideal for when I am seeking a place to exercise with my friends in a more social atmosphere."

Everyone that Romano has met on the trail has become a friendly face, he said.

This experience seems to be shared amongst many Bucknellians on the rail trail in the fall and

demonstrates how the trail unites the Lewisburg and Bucknell communities.

### Halloween Slow Roll

At the Rail Trail on Market Street a Halloween bike Slow Roll will happen on Oct. 29. A "Slow Roll" is an inclusive community bike around Lewisburg Town. The event is very informal and welcome to all. Costumes are encouraged and it is a way to get out on a bike in the cool fall weather. Slow Rolls occur every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the same spot on Market Street and will continue throughout the rest of fall.

### Northhill Apple Orchard

Apple picking at the nearby Northhill Apple Orchard is a very popular activity for Lewisburg residents. The 100 plus acre farm provides plenty of ripe apples and fresh fruits to be picked. For students who are able to drive or get a ride the orchard is just under a 20 minute drive from campus. With no orchards for apple picking in Lewisburg this next closest option can keep fall traditions alive for students while they are here on Bucknell's campus.

"I look forward to going Apple picking every year as it signifies that fall is among us," John Baber '23 said. "It is also a great way to spend valuable time with friends and family."

Yellow apples are the specialty of the Orchard during October. The Orchard also provides four apple picking bags so customers can pick plenty. The hours of the Orchard are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and it is located in Winfield.







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# PENNSYLVANIA

# VOTE

# 2022 MIDTERM

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## Women's issues are on the line in midterm election

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Pennsylvania continues to emerge as a battleground state as midterm election season ramps up this fall, and women's issues are at the forefront of voter's thoughts.

Senate candidates Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, a Democrat, and Dr. Mehmet Oz, a Republican and former television host, held a debate on Tuesday night — their conversation on abortion access became a standout moment of the night.

Oz said the federal government should not be involved in making decisions on the issue, that it should be left to "women, doctors, and local political leaders" to decide, while Fetterman said he agreed with the framework of *Roe v. Wade*.

In cases of presidential elections, many students at Bucknell choose to register in Pennsylvania, a swing state, where their vote will impact the results more dramatically than it might at home.

With catalysts like the Dobbs v. Jackson abortion-rights decision, abortion is one of the main concerns on the ballot

for college-age Pennsylvanians, among the economy and inflation, according to a New York Times poll.

The 2020 election saw 154 million Americans show up at the polls to vote, a record 12 percent increase since the 2016 election. In Pennsylvania, the voter turnout was even higher, climbing to 76 percent, with 54 percent of voters under 30 voting, according to Tufts University.

Voter turnout is historically less overwhelming in non-presidential elections among younger demographics, but that could change this fall because of a recent focus on abortion

rights, according to Department Chair of Political Science Professor Michael James.

Inflation isn't something that voters can change, James said, because it depends more on decisions made by the U.S. Federal Reserve more than an elected official.

"That's very different I think in respect to, especially in Pennsylvania, abortion," James said. "The state legislature is majority Republican, both the state house and the state senate, and its perfectly conceivable that they would vote to further restrict abortion."

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## President John Bravman has his contract extended

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The Bucknell University Board of Trustees chose to extend President John Bravman's contract for the third time last week.

Previously revised in 2018, the contract was in place to expire in 2025 but has been extended three more years until 2028.

"The length of John's tenure reflects the confidence and trust the Board of Trustees has in him to continue his exceptional leadership of the University,"

Bucknell graduate and University Board Chair Chris O'Brien '80, said in a statement.

Bravman, who was previously a professor of electrical engineering at Bucknell, completed his Bachelor's Degree at Stanford University followed also by his Master's and doctoral degrees in material sciences and engineering.

As the seventeenth president of the University, Bravman has brought about many changes to the Bucknell campus in the

past twelve years. Among many different renovation projects, there have been three new academic buildings along with additional dining and housing: Holmes Hall, Academic West, Academic East, South Campus Apartments and MacDonald Commons that have transformed the uphill sector of campus.

Bravman took steps to involve himself in improving the relationship between Bucknell and the surrounding Lewisburg community.

This includes his work as chairman of the Geisinger Health Board of Directors for the past six years and the many renovations Bucknell has performed in downtown Lewisburg. Renovations during his tenure include the Campus Theater, the Post Office Building, the DeWitt Building, Small Business Development Center and the downtown Samek Art Museum.

Upon the extension of his contract, Bravman has shared his gratitude and excitement.

"It is truly an honor and privilege to continue serving

Bucknell as its president, and I am thankful for both the Board's continued confidence in me and the extraordinarily talented students, faculty and staff who make this such a special place," Bravman said. "I look forward to working with both the Board and the campus community on our strategic goals, which will further strengthen Bucknell's place among leaders in higher education."

Navigating the university through the COVID-19 pandemic, Bravman worked to provide students with the opportunity for in person instruction.

"Bravman does an incredible job listening to student concerns, and I'm grateful for the role he played in allowing students to remain on campus during the pandemic," Claire Doyle '24 said.

Doyle continued, "I'm personally very excited about President Bravman's contract extending. Since my start at Bucknell in Fall 2020, President Bravman has succeeded the school in more ways than one."

## International Relations Week gives students opportunity to speak

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Special Editor

Bucknell held its annual International Relations Week from Oct. 24-28.

The events kicked off on Monday with an international relations Student Panel on Internships and Undergraduate Research in the Bertrand Library Traditional Reading Room.

Elena Roe '23 spoke on conducting research on the counterterrorism policies of women Heads of State with Professor Courtney Burns, with funding from the Bucknell Institute for Public Policy, the Candland Fund, Political Science Department and the Provost's office.

She presented her research at two conferences in Nashville, Tennessee and Ljubljana, Slovenia. "I really appreciate the IR department giving students a chance to share their experiences with internships and undergrad research," Roe said. "It was incredibly rewarding to be able to answer questions for younger students looking into the major and wonderful to have faculty there for support."

Alec Baker '23 spoke on interning at the U.S. consulate in Helsinki, Finland and Abbie Coscia '23 talked about studying abroad in the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador.

Lydia Hybels '24 talked about interning at the Borgen Project, an organization that tackles extreme poverty. Viviane McMullen '24 spoke about receiving Capitol Hill funding, as well as interning at the office of Rep. Dylan Fernandes of Massachusetts state legislature.

Faculty held a panel on "The Russian Invasion of Ukraine and North Atlantic Security," on Tuesday, featuring Professors Joseph Jozwiak, David Mitchell and Luke Wood. The event

was sponsored by the Bucknell Institute for Public Policy.

"I thought it was a really great experience to hear about the Russian invasion of Ukraine from professors who specialize in international relations, because there was a much deeper analysis of the systemic issues that led up to it," Kayla Howie '25, an attendee of the event, said. "I feel like the news is so caught up in the death counts that they don't really get into why these deaths are occurring."

There was a screening of the documentary "Powerlands" at the Campus Theatre on Wednesday. The award-winning documentary, directed by Navajo filmmaker Ivey Camille Manybeads Tso, investigates the displacement of indigenous people and the devastation of the environment by chemical companies. There was an introduction and Q&A led by the director and the producer Jordan Flaherty.

Early in the day, Multicultural Student Services held a luncheon with the director and the producer in the Diversity and Inclusion Multipurpose Room.

Students had the opportunity to test their knowledge on international affairs with a campus-wide Kahoot! competition on Thursday. There were pizza and prizes for winners including tickets to the Weis Center performance of the Alfredo Rodriguez and Pedrito Martinez Duo.

There will be an IR Alumni Panel from 12-1 p.m. in the ELC 213 on Friday, where they will be discussing their paths during and after Bucknell. The guests include Sarah Bunker '12 (Gender Data Scientist at the World Bank), Rylan Forester '21 (Guidepoint), Asha Harvey '15 (Deloitte Greenhouse) and Jenna DiPaolo Colley '07 (Chief Communications Officer, Greenpeace).

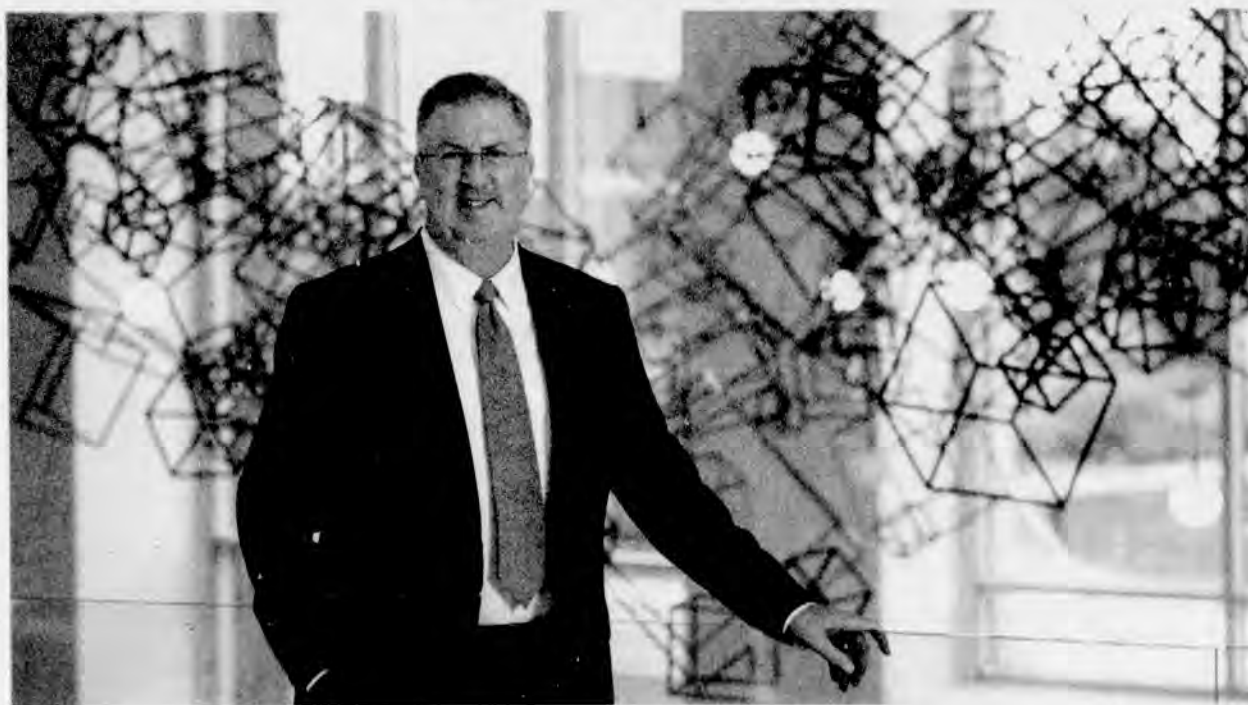


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# breaking the bubble

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## DOMESTIC

A 19-year-old gunman killed a student, Alexandria Bell, and a teacher, Jean Kuczka, in St. Louis on Oct. 24. The gunman, Orlando Harris, who was an alumnus of the high school, died in the hospital after an altercation with the police. This tragedy is the 67th school shooting in the United States in 2022.

A 5.1 magnitude earthquake hit near San Jose, Calif. on Oct. 25. The earthquake was a little over four miles deep, and more than 100,000 people received an emergency alert around two seconds after the earthquake hit. There was another earthquake a few hours later, around the same depth, but scientists say aftershocks following an earthquake of this size are natural.

## INTERNATIONAL

Brittney Griner's appeal was denied by a Russian court after she was sentenced to nine years in prison. Her lawyers argued that her sentencing was especially harsh, given that the average sentence length for this crime was usually about five years, with approximately a third granted parole. U.S. government officials have not shared specifics, but vow that they are working closely with Russia to negotiate her release.

Cuba saw its first married gay couples after legalizing gay marriage three weeks ago. They are the ninth Latin American country to do so, and 66.85 percent of Cubans voted to legalize it, and they follow Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Colombia. A portion of the population who did not vote or voted against the law were LGBTQ activists, who explained that they felt they should not have to vote in favor of something that is a human right.

## Professor's research finds renovation marketing impacts homeowner decisions

Bridgette Simpson  
News Editor

If you love HGTV as much as the next person, you've played into the marketing trends that influence consumer trends in the realm of home improvement.

Home improvement magazines also play into the alteration of household aesthetic that seems to be occurring in recent years.

Professor Annetta Grant of Markets, Innovation & Design conducted in-depth interviews as the keystone of her research on home improvement trends and decisions. Most of those interviewed revealed insecurities about some part of their home, despite the actual probability of guests even seeing the area.

The insecurities of homeowners only further drive their buying choices when remodeling their homes, Grant found. The pandemic and work-from-home culture has also increased homeowner anxiety about their home being "camera-ready". During and after the pandemic, people are seeing their friends' and coworkers' homes either remotely or in person for what could be the first time, and Grant's research hones in on the analysis of how this affects people's motivation to

renovate their homes, as well as how societal expectations affect consumer trends. She also inspected how people often overstep their financial thresholds in order to satisfy their expectations of what their home should look like.

According to a University press release, the U.S. Home Remodeling Market Report determined that Americans spent \$340 billion on home renovation in the year 2020, and is projected to grow by four percent by the year 2027. Grant's research, co-written with Queen's University professor Jay Handelman, manifested first in interviewing 17 homeowners and four service providers over the span of 2.5 years.

From their conversations, they gleaned that it would be especially difficult in the current housing climate to maintain a home that fits a family or person's personality and personal vision. It has been observed that home trends are conforming to fit some common recent design tendencies, such as "industrial-grade appliances, large kitchen islands with bar stools, open floor plans, neutral color schemes and spa-like bathrooms," according to the press release.

The pressure homeowners feel to maintain their home decor at the level of profession-

alism these new design trends command results in a relatively constant desire to continuously update and renovate their homes. This predicament is only exacerbated by those who are market-influenced, Grant and Handelman found.

"Uniqueness is shunned while professional expertise and market standards are celebrated," Grant said in a press release. "It is a common feature of home renovation television shows for homeowners to be ridiculed by expert hosts when aspects of their homes fall short of modern trends."

Grant and Handelman concluded in their study, which was published in the Journal of Consumer Research, that enterprises can aid consumers with the widespread uneasiness many feel towards maintaining the upkeep of their home decor and furnishings.

"They could, for example, create platforms—a physical retail setting or an online forum—where consumers' expression of uniqueness is celebrated rather than admonished. Based on the positive experience of place consumers have in these forums, firms that align their offerings with celebrations of uniqueness may find greater market opportunity for their products and services," Grant said.

## MIDTERMS

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Abortion is still legal up to 23 weeks of pregnancy in Pennsylvania, both via clinic procedures and pills. This is in the hands of state legislatures to protect or restrict, which is decided by this particular mid-term election.

Governor Tom Wolf, a Democrat, has vetoed past GOP efforts to restrict abortion, but the Republican-majority General Assembly is bypassing this through attempts to amend the state constitution, which does not require Wolf's signature. This measure was taken in West Virginia, Tennessee and Louisiana to ban abortions.

With Wolf nearing his term limit, the gubernatorial race between state Sen. Doug Mastriano, a Franklin County Republican, and Attorney General Josh Shapiro, a Democrat, has become a focus for Pennsylvanians this November.

"If Doug Mastriano, the Republican is elected, than it's very conceivable that abortion could be further restricted or completely outlawed. If the Democrat, Josh Shapiro is elected, that's almost certainly not going to be the case because he alone could veto it," Professor James said.

Mastriano has said he supports serious criminal charges for women who seek abortion at any stage of pregnancy, while

Shapiro has said he will maintain access to an aborting for women.

Stakes are always high for elections in swing states, this year more than most. Voters aren't just picking between candidates, they are single-handedly deciding the issue of women's health here in Pennsylvania.

"I'm choosing to vote in the upcoming election because I'm from D.C., where my vote as a Democrat doesn't have as much leeway or impact as it does here in Pennsylvania," Callie Mowry '25 said.

Among a list of priorities for Pennsylvanians like inflation, abortion is a standout.

"I registered to vote in Pennsylvania because it's really important to me to protect women's health choices, and my vote matters more here on those issues than it does in California," Kathryn Brown '25 said.

As a large influx of new students have joined campus this year, it is critical that Bucknellians actively make a plan to vote here in Pennsylvania.

"Your vote will matter in a way that it might not matter in a reliably blue or reliably red state," James said, as a word of advice to voters.

For more resources and information on registering, mail in ballots and polling locations, visit BisonVote's page on bucknell.edu.



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# Housing applications and on-campus parking feeling pressure of growing class sizes

Ellie Lowe  
Senior Writer

Bucknell has overenrolled students for both the classes of 2025 and 2026, contributing to an overcrowding of the housing application process and on-campus parking spaces.

The target class size of 1,010 was exceeded by about 25 students both years.

Since not all students who are admitted end up enrolling to the University, the Office of Admissions normally admits more students than the target enrollment. The office uses the data from the past three years to determine how many students to enroll.

"What has changed recently is that more students are saying yes to our offers than we anticipated," Kevin Mathes, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Admissions, said.

The number of students admitted to the class of 2026 was lower than the year prior, but

enrollment was still higher. Overall the number of students admitted has increased over the past four years.

About 3,300 students were admitted in the Class of 2023, which is almost 500 fewer students than for the class of 2026. Even with the increase in enrollment, the University does not plan on lowering the target class and is still hoping for 1,010 new students next fall. This increase in students has many implications on campus, specifically for student life.

## Housing is nearing capacity

If the target class size were to remain the same for the following years, that would bring enrollment to be approximately 4,000 students. As of right now, there are approximately 3,200 available beds on campus for students.

Approximately 300 students live off campus during the academic year, roughly 100

typically go abroad in the fall and 250 in the spring. That means that there would be approximately 250 students that would not have beds, if the target stayed the same. This also means there is less flexibility for room changes.

"When housing is at capacity, less emergency space is available," Ashley Hubler, Associate Director of Housing Services, said. "Housing works to accommodate student needs on a case-by-case basis."

As of right now, the University is planning on demolishing the Mods and building apartments which will add eight more beds, but doesn't have any other future plans for new housing.

A number of students are upset about the overcrowding and hope Bucknell will resolve the issue before it gets worse.

"I was the first day of housing selections for Juniors and there were less than limited options for housing," Eliza Greenberg '24 said.

Morgan Hudy '25 shared a similar opinion.

"I had a later time slot for housing selection, but ended up on the waitlist for housing until August," Hudy said.

Jack Renaghan '24, a resident of Larison Hall, said he was left with very few options when it came time for him to select a room.

"I'm very disappointed with where I live this year," Renaghan said. "The location is not what I wanted and I was one of the lucky ones who actually got housing."

## Parking is boiling over

Another hot topic on campus that is affected by over-enrollment is parking. On campus, there are about 800 parking spots dedicated solely to students, and more than 700 parking spots that are designated for any parking pass.

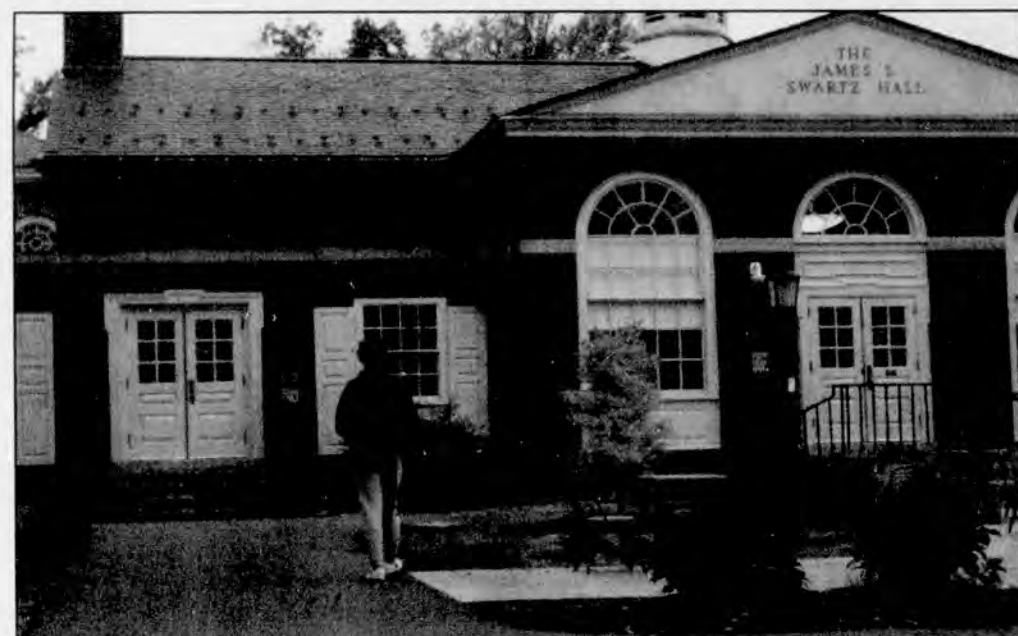
This semester, about 1,400 parking passes were given,

which is just over half of students eligible for parking. If half of eligible students continue to apply and receive parking passes and the enrollment rate continues to stay at 1,010, the number of parking passes will increase to around 1,500 passes. With many students already complaining about an increase in parking passes given out, some are worried that expanding classes could worsen the situation.

"There should be no reason on a Wednesday evening I can find nowhere to park, especially when I live downhill near freshmen. The freshmen bringing their illegal cars is ridiculous," Kaitlyn Carduff '25 said.

"As a commuter student, I may potentially be late to class because there is nowhere to park," Hannah Sims '25 said.

While an increase in students is good for the growth and economic health of the University, it has a great effect on student life.



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# Fall “leaves” impact on student body

AJ Lawrence  
Senior Writer

Fall has fallen upon us, bringing the changing of the seasons and colder weather with it. It's finally time for sweaters, football, Dios de los Muertos, Halloween, capitalism, Thanksgiving and pumpkin spice lattes. And don't forget the beautiful changing of the leaves.

The colors changing from greens to vibrant warm tones truly marks the season change. You can hardly be leaf your eyes. Then change brings one last pop of color and vibrancy to the outdoors before winter makes the trees barren and snow covers the ground. With the beauty and fun stepping on crunchy leaves brings, what's not to love?

A lot, apparently. While it's pretty to look at, leaves are much easier to appreciate when they're still attached to the trees. It's natural that they fall to the ground, it is fall after all. And as said, you can step on them for a satisfying crunch, or jump in or run through giant piles of them, making them fly everywhere, so leaves on the ground aren't

boring by any means. But any other time, they're really just in the way.

When leaves fall, they don't just fall in pretty little piles, they fall everywhere. On the grass, the sidewalks, in the gutters, on your cars, even on you. They're everywhere and then you have to clean them up if you want to easily get around, which isn't an easy task itself. Ask anyone who's ever raked leaves before, it's hard to be bent over, trying to pull leaves along with an oversized pitchfork or shovel, and you really build up a sweat. Just look around campus and you'll find students using brooms and vacuums to get the leaves off their cars, only to find they've found their way inside, covering their car seats and filling their trunks.

Not to mention the weather interfering with clean up. The wind can blow your piles right over or just knock more leaves off trees. Fast winds have been creating mini leaf tornadoes

all around campus, attacking students and burying them in the piles. Lately, half of Public Safety's calls have been about students needing to be rescued from a leafy fate. Students can't leave their dorms without worrying if their car is buried, or if they'll get buried too! If it starts snowing or raining, you can be sure the leaves will stick to sidewalks, clump together, and get stuck on your shoes. They'll even follow you inside your dorm; there's no escape. Why can't they just leaf us alone.

Around campus you even see the squirrels having a difficult time. Watching them dig through the leaves on the ground, going nuts looking for nuts, is admittedly pretty cute. But at the same time, it makes it much harder for them to scavenge when they have to get under everything. It's a re-leaf that most of the trees have held onto their foliage, but we can certainly expect more barren branches and covered quads in the coming weeks.

## President Bravman-lookalike contest shut down after Bravman himself gets second place

Hayley Leopold  
Staff Writer

This past Friday, Bucknellians received yet another mass email in their inboxes. Since the subject header did not read “Message Center Digest,” students actually opened the email out of sheer curiosity.

“Dear Bucknellians,” the message read, “I am pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees has voted to extend John Bravman's contract with the University through at least 2028.”

In honor of President Bravman's newly extended contract, the Board of Trustees decided to host the very first President Bravman-Lookalike Contest! Students and faculty alike were invited to sport their most fashionable garments in an attempt to mimic Bravman's signature look. Since the only day over the weekend that students crack open their homework is Sunday, the first floor of Bertrand last Sunday evening was the perfect setting for this populous and dynamic event.

The stakes were high; the winner of the contest was to be awarded their very own seat on the University's Board of Trustees with full support from the current members. The library staff even agreed to lift their typical floor quiet policies in support of the contest, and were not at all influenced by the President's involvement - they happily alter their policies anytime students wish to bring their rowdiness onto the floors.

Participants assigned themselves pseudonyms and wrote their fictitious names on name tags to conceal their true identities. The tags adhered to their pressed suit jackets and meticulously tied neckties while the contestants stood in a row for the judges, the caf employees, to observe.

The contest took longer than anticipated, incurring an unexpected delay due to an inordinate number of students waiting in the saute line at Bostwick that evening. The judges eventually

traversed the dozens of contestants who yearned to achieve the high-fashion look that President Bravman encapsulates.

After nearly two hours of deliberation, the caf employees finally agreed upon their winner. Beads of sweat rolled down contestants' cheeks and onto their leather shoes as they anxiously waited for the results. To Bravman's dismay, his own pseudonym, Don B. Clombman, was not the name selected for first prize!

Bravman instead placed in second, which only awarded him a mere shoutout on Bucknell's official Instagram story. Although Bravman insisted the contest be shut down at that point, the victor had already been selected: Ron D. Schwabban. Who was the dapper mastermind behind the anonymous, winning nickname?

Congratulations to the champion of the first (and last) President Bravman-Lookalike Contest, newest member of Bucknell's Board of Trustees Brent Papson!

## Library adjusts floor rules for students whispering “Boo!”

Maximus Bean  
Satire Editor

While the Bertrand Library is the go-to place for students looking for peace and quiet, this time of year presents a healthy(?) respite from that.

To get students in the Halloween spirit, the library has relaxed some of its usually-strict silence rules. Every other day leading up to Halloween, students can get a “Boo Pass” that they can use to sneak up on unsuspecting studious students and scare them.

While initial reports indicate that students may try and abuse this new implementation, the library administrators are confident in their efforts to celebrate the second most frightening time of the year (second to only Tax Day).

“Let's be honest here,” librarian Paige Turner said. “We want the students to come more often. The puzzles,

games, food, and classified government documents aren't enough anymore, so we're doing our part to drum up some holiday spirit.” When asked about the potential of abuse for this new system, Turner laughed the question off. “Oh c'mon, it's just for a few days! What could possibly go wrong?”

In unrelated news, some students are choosing Carnegie over Bertrand for their Midterm studying.

“I don't know,” Yolanda Bokkdell, a student with a book in her hands, said. “It's getting weird now. The frats set up a haunted house on the higher floors so we can't really study there anymore.” As a result of this shocking statement, the Satire section bravely sent a correspondent up to said floors to investigate.

The horrifying result was a 10/10 experience that should really be experienced by everyone. Wonderful costumes, the special effects were on point, and I don't even know how they moved that giant Godzilla statue up the spiral staircase, but it set the mood perfectly! Sure the students on the ground and lower floors of the library were in clear earshot of the various usage of stock screams and auditory noises, but in the eyes of the Satire section, it is a noble and worthy sacrifice for this absolutely unforgettable experience.

Ideally, every student should attend before any of the library staff catch on, or if the frats start demanding payment. Halloween is only a few days away, and if there's anything a library should have, it's consistent noise.

## Study says 4/5 of seniors scrambling for spouse

Aaron Chin  
Senior Writer

Studies say that students here at the University are very likely to find their spouse during their time here on campus. More precisely, about one in three people will meet the person that they will marry while here. That's a staggering statistic. Out of every 1,000 students that attend the University, 333 of them will marry each other.

This can be hard on some people. For instance, the single people here have it rough. Studies have shown that four out of five of the seniors on campus are scrambling desperately to find their significant other.

But the single seniors here have found some interesting ways to solve this problem. A lot of the social events on campus have helped people find each other. Others have found other ways of dealing with this. Some seniors have organized a university-wide game based on “The Bachelor,” “The Bachelorette,” as well as the hit, high quality spinoff series “Bachelor in Paradise.” They have called their version of the reality show “Bachelor in Bucknell.”

The way the reality show on campus works is that one lucky student will be selected to act as either the bachelor or the bachelorette, and other students have to compete against each other to win their affection. Some of these competitions have included

rappelling down the ELC, writing a 200-300 page love poem about the selected bachelor/bachelorette, and performing a three hour spoken-word smooth jazz extravaganza at the Weis Center.

Each contestant also has the chance to take the bachelor/bachelorette on dates, and these dates can be quite extreme. Some dates have included kayaking in the Susquehanna, watching a movie at the Campus Theater, and going skydiving while screaming, peeing their pants, and listening to Tom Petty's “Free Fallin’.”

The way that contestants are eliminated is quite simple. After each round of contests and dates, the bachelor/bachelorette hands out small statues of Bucky the Bison to everyone that they want to remain in the competition. If you don't get one, you are out. The last student standing wins, and they are the person who ends up being with the bachelor/bachelorette.

The contest has been a rousing success amongst the students, with many seniors successfully finding a significant other after its completion. Whether or not these couples will remain together has yet to be seen. Perhaps we will have some new details after the reality special “After the Final Bucky,” in which all the contestants will spill the beans on the hot drama...

## Gambling addiction permeates campus after Casino Night success

Hayley Leopold  
Staff Writer

After last month's Bingo Blingo catastrophe the CAP Center sought redemption with its most recent late-night event.

On September 30, the organization held its annual Casino Night in Uptown that featured free food, prizes and alcohol for those who were of age and/or flirted with the servers.

Although attendance at campus activities is notoriously scarce, students eagerly piled into Uptown on the otherwise dreary Saturday evening hoping to get free drinks to pregame frats with. Upperclassmen dominated games of Texas Hold'em, roulette and Craps — many even forgot their agendas for the rest of the night and remained for the entirety of the event.

How wonderful! The CAP Center event coordinators have redeemed themselves! Or so they thought...

This celebration quickly shifted to panic when Bucknell officials recognized an unintended byproduct of exposing underaged students to casino games. Ever since Casino Night, those in attendance have been unable to stop themselves from gambling. Students did not limit themselves to the restrictions of pre-existing casino games; after all, the roulette wheels and craps tables were only available in Uptown. As a result, students have contrived ways to satiate their gambling itch through rather unorthodox means.

The first Vegas-esque gambling to invade campus was sports betting. One may think that drawing attention to Bucknell's

various athletic programs would be beneficial, perhaps increasing attendance at games and encouraging school spirit. However, this seemingly harmless practice has significantly demoralized Bucknell's football players when no students were willing to place bets on their winning.

The gambling disease was no longer contained within the pool of Casino Night attendees, proving more contagious than both frat flu and COVID combined. Students soon struggled to focus on their professors during class even more than they already did.

“In diffyQs, the only number I can write now is 21,” Blacque Jack '24 said, “It doesn't matter what the solution to the equation is, I need 21 to beat the dealer, I mean professor.”

Chaos further ensued while students dared each other to perform dangerous tasks and placed bets upon their completion. Just before fall break, Slotma Chiné '25 was carried from Bostwick via a stretcher after eating 13 hamburgers in pursuit of a \$60 cash prize from her hallmates.

President Bravman disclosed that four other students were rushed to the hospital this past week due to dining hall-related injuries inspired by gambling of this nature.

If you or a tolerated acquaintance are experiencing symptoms of gambling addiction please visit the Counseling Center in-person or call the gambling hotline (1-800-522-4700) to schedule an immediate consultation.

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# Wendy finds her kiss at Bucknell Theater's production of Lost Girl

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From October 21 - 24, Bucknell Theater and Dance put on their 2022 Fall play, *Lost Girl*. The play acts as the sequel to the movie *Peter Pan*, as it follows what Wendy's (Bethany Fitch '23) life is like after returning from Neverland.

In the program that attendees received at the show, the cast biographies were made unique by including childhood memories from the cast, playing into the magical elements of the show. Fitch said that what she loves most about *Lost Girl* "is how much magic it captures while still being so grounded in the reality of a 19-year-old girl's life."

The play begins with Wendy's return from Neverland, where she is left in a depressed and reclusive state, wondering when Peter Pan (Reid Fournier '24) will return, as he said he would. After her and her brothers' disappearances, Wendy is the talk of the town and is seen being questioned by a detective (Maddie Buckley '24) about the strange occurrence. In other asides, the audience experiences the efforts towards Wendy's recovery, as she talks with a doctor (Harper Dick '25).

and a therapist (Yasmine Adam '24).

The play allows the audience to hear Wendy's internal dialogue, as she grapples with the inability to let go of her fixation on Peter Pan. Her mother (Grace Woodhouse '25), as well as the band of "Lost Boys" that returned from Neverland with her, are constantly encouraging her to let go of the past.

The main feature of the play's set is the large window in Wendy's room that Peter Pan had originally come through, which remains open in hopes of his return.

Wendy's main reason for holding onto these memories is because Peter Pan "has something of hers" — a kiss. Other characters in the play struggle with understanding this, as they know a kiss is not a tangible thing. For Wendy, though, this kiss is nearly tangible as she struggles with being able to "give" this kiss, or any sort of romantic affection, to anyone else.

Throughout the course of the play, we learn that there is some information that other characters are withholding from Wendy. She discovers that three other girls had been whisked away to Neverland (Caroline Pritchard '26, Vivian Kuang '25, Joselyn Busato '24). While each still reminisces about Neverland and Peter Pan's promise to return, they all seem to have had an easier time letting go than Wendy.

Through these three girls, as well as the character of Nina (Libby Hoffman '24), the audience learns that Peter Pan isn't in Neverland anymore and has returned to the real world like the rest of the children. Nina interviews Wendy for an academic paper about the disappearances. Nina is the reason Peter Pan decided to leave Neverland, which Wendy struggles to come to terms with, as she

had asked him to come with her as well.

One of the Lost Boys, Slightly (Kieran Calderwood '24), is especially wishful that he can get Wendy to come out of her shell. Towards the end of the play, the two share

a kiss, and Wendy begins to realize that she can give her love to someone else besides Peter Pan, and stop waiting for him.

As the play is coming to a close, Wendy's final monologue suggests that she is ready to move on until Peter Pan suddenly appears after all. She tells him how he had stolen her kiss, and insists that he "give her a new one." The two kiss, and the audience is left to wonder if all of her self realization has gone to waste, but not for long. Pulling back from the kiss, Wendy realizes that it doesn't hold the same spark that it once had, and she can now fully let go of her past.

In the end, Wendy finally closes her bedroom window, symbolizing her decision to leave Peter Pan and Neverland behind her.

Wendy's personal journey is part of what made this play so meaningful to those involved in its production.

"I think we can all find a piece of ourselves in Wendy in times of growth when you just need a little push to recognize that you are so much more capable than you think you are," said Fitch.

Nabeel Jan '23, Assistant Director, felt similarly about the play's focus on growth and change.

"Lost Girl was an incredible experience for a couple of reasons:

the first being that the play centers around change — specifically the change that circles around you as you grow up," Jan said. "As a senior, I feel as though it was a unique and wonderful opportunity to help sculpt a character's path/narrative through change as I simultaneously undergo a similar process."

As Jan expressed, *Lost Girl* was just as important for those off-stage as for those on stage. Eliza Greenberg '24, Stage Manager, spoke on how all of the hard work is made worth it in the end.

"As the stage manager, you're the first one in the theatre and the last to leave," said Greenberg. "It's countless hours of writing emails and attending rehearsals and meetings and so much paperwork, but it's also watching people's passion play out right in front of you... and being able to know that every morning meeting, every late night rehearsal, every single email was worth it."

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# THE BUCKNELLIAN

# sports

**B1** — October 28, 2022

## Bison Football earns first win in a storybook finish

**Hugh Straine**  
Staff Writer

The Bucknell football team got into the win column this past weekend with a thrilling 19-17 victory over arch rival Lehigh. The Bison traveled to Bethlehem for the showdown.

Starting quarterback Nick Semptimphelter '24 had a solid outing, completing 13-28 passes for 146 yards. Rushawn Baker '25 had his best game of the season at running back, posting eighteen carries for 48 yards and two touchdown runs from three yards and one yard out.

The defense was what stood out for Bucknell, holding Lehigh's offense to just 10 points, as one of the touchdowns for the Mountain Hawks was scored via a blocked punt in the third quarter.

Safety Brent Jackson '23 played outstanding, giving the Bison lots of help with five tackles, a sack, a forced fumble, fumble recovery and an interception. Jackson would surely be the MVP for the Bison if not for Matt Schearer

'26. Schearer booted a 19-yard field goal through the uprights with 18 seconds left to win it for Bucknell.

Lehigh blocked a Bucknell extra point attempt with two minutes remaining, leaving the score at 17-16, and Bucknell was forced to onside kick. Miraculously, the Orange & Blue recovered and were able to drive down the field and set Schearer up for the game winner.

"It was just a relief," Schearer said. "We had come close already but to finally get a win against our rivals was awesome. When I made the kick, I was just relieved that all our hard work finally paid off. It was great for our morale as a team. It gave us the necessary confidence boost that we need as we prepare for Colgate."

The Bison face Colgate next Saturday Oct. 29 at home. With the Bison finally entering the win column, they hope to ride this wave of momentum



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## Men's Soccer Second-half Performance Earns Them Half of a League Point

**Brooke Tracey**  
Staff Writer

The Bison Men's Soccer Team returned to Emmitt Field at Holmes Stadium this past Saturday to face the Colgate Raiders in a Patriot League match-up.

In a hard fought battle, both teams split the points, ending the 90 minutes in a 1-1 draw.

The Bison were eager to return home this weekend after being away for the past two weeks. Despite what their record may show, the Orange and Blue put on a dominating performance against the Raiders, with many quality chances throughout the match. First-years Charlie Holmes '26 and Cade McGrath '26 put Colgate's goalkeeper up to the test early in the first half,

but neither opportunity found the back of the net.

At the half-hour mark, the Raiders earned a corner and just barely capitalized on it, as the ball slid into the corner of the goal off of a header. The Bison entered half time down 1-0, but were not ready to give up. Less than four minutes into the second half, Zane Domsohn '26 scored his first collegiate goal to even up the match 1-1.

His diving header was a result of Colin Murphy '24 beating two defenders and Waldemar Kattrup '25 crossing it into the box. The Bison continued to scrape for the remainder of the half, keeping the Raiders under immense pressure.

It was with the help of the defense, however, that led them to the draw. An important play by centerback Matt Owusu '24 prevented the Raiders from capitalizing on another opportunity.

"I thought the boys played well and we are excited for our next opportunity to improve against Holy Cross," Captain MJ Kuczura '24 said.

The Bison will remain in Lewisburg for their next match on Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. against Holy Cross in their Senior Day match. They will then travel to Loyola on Nov. 2 to face the Greyhounds in their final match of the regular season.

### Upcoming Events

#### Men's and Women's Cross Country

- Patriot League Championship 10/29 10am

#### Football

- vs Colgate 10/29 1pm

#### Men's Soccer

- vs Holy Cross 10/29 2pm

#### Field Hockey

- vs Boston University 10/30 11am

## Water Polo competes in the Julian Fraser Memorial Invitational

**Jamilie Atiyeh**  
Staff Writer

This past weekend, Bucknell men's water polo traveled 2,800 miles to sunny California to compete in the Julian Fraser Memorial Tournament.

The Bison totaled four games throughout the weekend against top ranked teams: San Jose State, Santa Clara, Fresno Pacific and Stanford. The first day of the tournament didn't prove favorable, but the men came back strong on the second day. The Bison opened the tournament with a close back-and-forth affair against San Jose State, resulting in an 11-9 loss. Hasan Mogultay '25 and Jack Lewis '23 each scored three goals in the defeat.

In game two, Bucknell lost another close bout against Santa Clara, falling 11-13. Although the game didn't result in favor of the Bison, some great plays were made. Aleksa Stefanovic '26 gave Bucknell a brief lead at the start of the half, scoring three goals in the opening 16 minutes and six total throughout the course of the game.

Bucknell opened day two of the tournament with a commanding 22-7 victory against Fresno Pacific, in which 10 different players scored. The

22-goal game total is the second highest of the season for the Bison. The Bison scored the first 13 goals leaving no room for Sunbird success.

In their final game of the tournament, Bucknell fell to No. 3 Stanford, 19-6. While most of the game was played outside Cardinal territory, Andu Vlasceanu '23, Stefanovic, Walker Butler '25, Ian Schultz '26 and Colby Paine '23 were able to hit the back of the net, resulting in a total of six scores for the Bison.

"It was a great weekend against four competitive teams," Senior goalkeeper Adrien Touzot said. "We showed up to use this opportunity to get better for the championship coming up soon. The teams we played put up a good fight and we grew as a team for the better. It's always an awesome experience to travel with our team anywhere, and we're excited to get back in the pool this weekend against Fordham."

Following the weekend, Bucknell now stands at 12-12 (8-3 MAWPC) on the season. Keep an eye out next weekend for our polo players as they travel to Fordham to continue conference play.

## Bison Volleyball Team splits the weekend with Pa. rivals

**Hannah Stuck**  
Senior Writer

The Orange and Blue volleyball team claimed victory over the Lafayette Leopards, increasing their overall record to 12-7 overall and 5-5 in the Patriot League. With the Bison winning in Easton, Pa., it gave them their first series sweep of the season.

The score went back and forth throughout the entirety of the match, with the Bison ultimately hitting .223 for the match while the Leopards hit .169. Bri Frazilus '26 was the leader of the Orange and Blue squad, having 20 kills out of 46 total attacks, ending the match with a .283 hitting percentage.

Along her side, Catherine Jamison '24 also was in the double digits, reaching 15 kills on 40 attacks, ending the match hitting at .250.

Jordan Hardy '26, the Bison's libero, had 35 digs in the match, with only one reception error. Her efforts against the Leopards have been her season high. This was also the third time she has reached over 30 digs in her career.

The Orange and Blue came back from an eight-point deficit, winning the first set 25-22. The Bison came out strong in the second set, but this time the Leopards caught up winning the set 25-22. The Bison turned the heat back on for the third set, winning 25-16.

Lafayette came back strong in the fourth set, winning 25-23. The final set determined the result of the match, with the Orange and Blue pulling ahead to win.

The star players in this match were Frazilus alongside Valentina Feigl '24. Tijana Kostic '26 had nine kills in the match, with Sandra Korusiewicz '23 having eight kills

and sixteen digs.

Caleigh O'Connell '26 had 22 assists, and Laura Caro '26 had 30 assists throughout the match.

The Bison traveled down the road to play Lehigh, in hopes to improve their Patriot League record. The Orange and Blue fell to the Mountain Hawks, losing 2-3 in the sets on the road. The Bison had a .120 hitting percentage, while Lehigh hit at .254.

Even though the Bison lost the match, they had a 9-5 advantage in service aces. Feigl had a great performance, having four aces, seven kills and four digs. Jamison and Frazilus lead the team in kills, having 16 and 14.

Hardy had 22 digs throughout the match.

The Orange and Blue lost the first set 25-18, won the second set 25-20, won the third set, but gave up the fourth set to the Mountain Hawks. The match went into the fifth set of the match, with the Bison falling in the final set 25-22.

"I love the competitive mindset our team has had this season," Frazilus said. "We try our best to have a win at all costs mentality, even on our off days, which really helps us battle it out and finish through long games. Everyone works hard to make the next person's job easier which helps us to be more successful on the court."

She continued, "I came here hopeful to have an impact on this program and I'm happy to see how far this team has come this season. I can't wait to see what the future holds for us."

The Orange and Blue travel on the road next weekend, competing at Holy Cross and Colgate.



## Men's Golf at Nassau Invitational

**Morgan Sohosky**  
Senior Writer

The Bison men's golf team traveled to Glen Cove, N.Y., for their last tournament of the season this past weekend.

Hosted by Long Island University at Nassau Country Club, the three day tournament featured 10 teams including St. Johns, Army, Long Island, Robert Morris, Hofstra, Le Moyne, La Salle, Merrimack, Manhattan and Bucknell.

Bucknell started strong after the first two rounds in a steady third place position and were able to stay consistent with this placement in their last round, finishing out the weekend with a 5-over 285 round.

The Bison leaders were Blake Wisdom '23 and James Robbins '26, both finishing with a 1-under par final round. Wisdom finished the weekend with a total of 5-over par where he claimed fifth place out of the 57 players that competed. Not far behind was Robbins, with a weekend total of 7-over par as he was the final Bucknell player in the top 10 with a solo finish in ninth.

Following Robbins was sophomore Michael Rudnick with an 8-over finish tying for 11th place. Josh Holtschlag '23 and Andres Barraza '26 had weekend scores

of 15-over par and 18-over par, respectively. James Key '26, the Bison's individual over the weekend, finished with a strong final round of 75, finishing the tournament 12-over par.

Overall, the men's golf team has had a strong fall season with competitive first-years joining the team, showing promise in the future. The Bison have the remainder of the fall off-season and the beginning of the spring season to prepare for their first tournament in February, hosted by Loyola in Goodyear, Ariz., at Palm Valley Golf Club.

## Men's Tennis attends ITA Regionals

**Lauren Medeiros**  
Staff Writer

The Bucknell Men's Tennis Team traveled to Charlottesville, Va., last week for ITA Regionals on Oct. 19-21. These singles and doubles marked the end of the fall season for the Bison.

On the first day, Michael Owen '23 and Adam Stavrakos '26 both won two matches, advancing them to the Bronze round of 16, which is the final round of prequalifying.

In both matches on Wednesday, Owen defeated his opponents. He defeated his first opponent (6-3, 6-1) and his second (6-3, 6-2). Similarly, Stavrakos had triumphs over his George Mason opponent (6-2, 7-6, 7-2) and Mount St. Mary's opponent (6-1, 4-6, 6-1). For Stavrakos, this tournament was his collegiate debut.

Additional Orange and Blue competitors on day one were Oscar Bain Moreno de Vega '26 and Brendan McDonald '26. Moreno de Vega won his opening-round match against the Mount St. Marys opponent (6-2, 7-5), but unfortunately lost to a Saint Joseph's player (4-6, 3-6). For McDonald, he also endured a defeat by Villanova's player (6-2, 1-6, 2-6).

After the singles matches on Wednesday, the Bronze Draw doubles also began. The Bison had three doubles teams in the bracket: Tim Zelilovsky '24 and Amar Tahirovic '26,

Owen and Stavrakos and McDonald and Bain Moreno de Vega. The teams of Zelilovsky and Tahirovic and Owen and Stavrakos had first-round byes, as McDonald and Bain Moreno de Vega fell to Duquesne (3-8).

On Thursday, the Bison came out strong again and battled hard against their next matches. For Stavrakos, he remained unbeaten in singles after the first two days.

Stavrakos, a freshman from Athens, Greece, started his Thursday with a Round of 16 match in the Bronze Draw, and defeated his Villanova opponent (7-5, 6-3). This win advanced him to the Silver Draw. Once entering, Stavrakos beat Duquesne in the first-round match in the Silver Draw (6-1, 6-4). Heading into the final day Stavrakos' record was 4-0.

His teammate, Owen, who had won twice on Wednesday, fell to George Mason (3-6, 4-6) on Thursday. Additionally, Zelikovsky and Tahirovic both had byes in the first matches in the Silver Draw, but unfortunately both lost.

For the doubles teams on Thursday both Owen and Stavrakos, and Zelikovsky and Tahirovic, had byes into the second round. Team Owen and Stavrakos won 8-3 against Duquesne, but the Bucknell duo fell 2-8 to George Mason.

As for team Zelikovsky and Tahirovic, they lost in a close 3-7 tiebreaker against George Mason in an overall match score of 7-8.

With the day coming to an end, the all-freshman duo McDonald and Bain Moreno de Vega took home a huge win over Villanova.

At the start of Friday, the final day of matches, Stavrakos won his fifth straight match. He was triumphant over his Temple opponent (6-3, 6-3), and advanced to the Round of 16. For this round, the top eight from the Silver Draw move into the Gold Draw to play for the championship. Unfortunately, Stavrakos was eliminated by Virginia Tech (2-6, 3-6). Ending his first tournament as a Bison, Stavrakos finished with a record of 5-1.

Two Bucknell players, Tahirovic and Zelikovsky, received byes for the Silver Draw and played consolation matches. Tahirovic was successful against Richmond's Daniel Kliebhan (6-1, 6-1), while Zelikovsky also had success in defeating his William and Mary opponent (6-4, 7-6, (7-3)).

With the conclusion to a successful tournament and fall season, the Bucknell Men's Tennis Team is going to continue to train hard and prepare for the spring season, under new head coach Jason Cohen.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Brent Jackson '23



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### Profile

#### Sport

Football

#### Hometown

Denton, Texas

#### High School

John H. Guyer

#### Position

Safety

**Caleb Wooten**  
Staff Writer

The Bucknell Football team pulled off a gritty win versus the Lehigh Mountain Hawks in a Patriot League battle this weekend, winning 19-17.

The Bison put on a stellar defensive performance as they only allowed 10 points the entire game. This effort was spearheaded by captain Brent Jackson '23, who contributed five tackles, a sack, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and an interception.

Jackson's stellar performance earned him Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week as well as Bucknellian Athlete of the Week honors. Jackson and the team were extremely pleased with how they performed, as Jackson attributed much of their success to their preparation beforehand.

"We knew it was going to be a tough rivalry game and that we needed to execute for four quarters," Jackson said. "We knew that we were going to have to fight, claw and scratch to get the victory, and that's exactly what we did."

Jackson's effort set the tone for the Bison in the game as it generated timely momentum that propelled the group to the victory. Putting up these statistics is nothing new for the star senior, as he currently leads the Patriot League and ranks third in FCS in solo tackles. Jackson is also 19th in the country in total tackles.

Jackson was named Team MVP for the 2021-2022

season, as well as an Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar and a member of Patriot League Academic Honor Roll.

"Football is a team sport and one person's individual success doesn't make the team. I'm just trying to make sure I do my 1/11 part to make sure that my teammates are in the best positions to do their part so we can win more football games," he said.

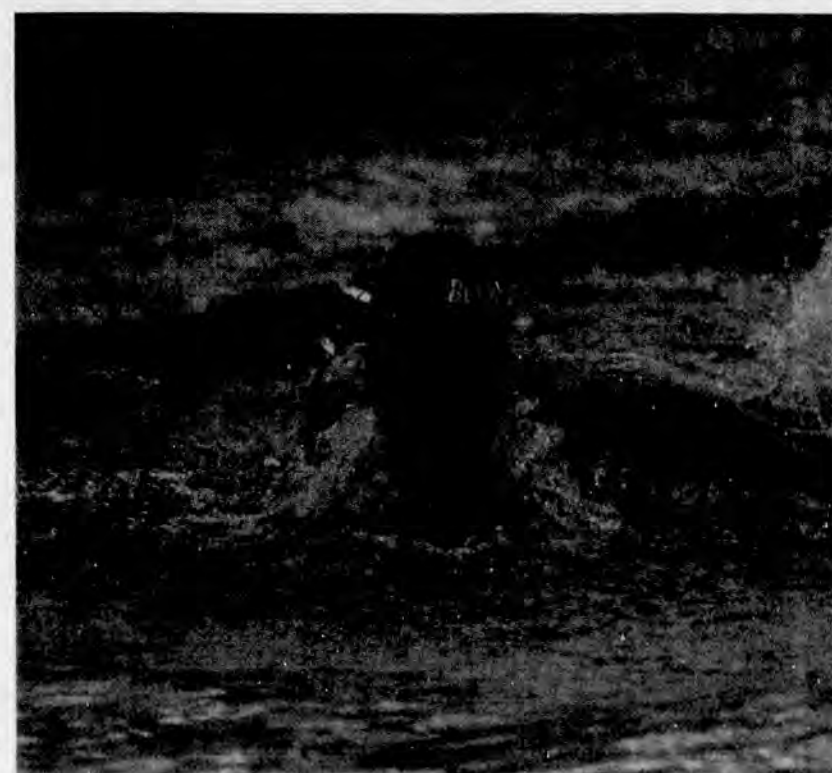
The senior leader also stressed the importance of building off of what they learned from their game. Jackson sees plenty of opportunity to apply what they learned this weekend for the rest of the season and finish strong.

"We finally put all the pieces together and finished strong," Jackson said. "I think going on for the rest of the year, we have to make sure to dig deep in those fourth quarters and do everything we need to do to ultimately get the win like we did this weekend."

The Bison return to play on Oct. 29 at 1 p.m. to host Colgate at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.

### Career Stats

- 2021 Academic All-Patriot League Team  
- 2 Time Patriot League Academic Honor Roll



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## Bucknell Swim and Dive take down Binghamton Saturday afternoon

**Charlotte Dursee**  
Staff Writer

Men and Women's Swim and Dive found success against Binghamton University this past Saturday. Both teams are now 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the Patriot League.

The men's team won nine events and came up second in another nine events. Leo Kuyl '23, Chris Fabian '24 and John Gehrig '24 each contributed to two wins and two second place finishes. These swimmers also competed in the 200 freestyle relay that came in first as well as alongside Justin DiSanto '25 in the 100 freestyle that came in second.

Kuyl added a first place finish in the 50 freestyle and second place finish in the 100 butterfly. Gehrig won the 200 freestyle and was runner up in the 200 backstroke.

Fabian placed first in the 100 backstroke and second in the 100 freestyle.

The Bison's event winners were swimmers Braden Beagle '26 in the 200 backstroke, Alex Crossing '26 in the 200 butterfly, Andy Dorsel '25 in the 400 IM and diver Jack Krug '26 in the 1-meter dive. The men's team finished the meet winning 173-128.

The women's team also had an impressive performance, defeating Binghamton 190-105. They finished 1-2-3 in four events, had 12 individual first place finishes and nine second place finishes. Alexandra Ritorto '23 took part in three first place finishes.

Megan Leyden '26 and Esme Hunter '24 each contributed two event wins as well.

Individual wins were also had by swimmers Sabrina Vumbacco '23, Sophia Donati '23, Liz Dokina '25, Skye Sunderhauf '25, Emma Feld '26 and Claire Kehley '26. On the diving side, Gina Hinthorn '23 (1-meter dive) and Megan Catherwood '25 (3-meter dive) placed first in their respective events. The women's team finished on top in the 50 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 200 butterfly and 3-meter drive.

"We have been working hard at practice learning new techniques and dives and it has been paying off in meets with faster and better results," Diver Reggie Frias '25 said.

Both teams have the next weekend off before their next meet Nov. 5 against American University.



# beyond the bison

## Qatar Faces Backlash for Treatment of World Cup Workers

Kaylee Donnelly

Senior Writer

While the World Cup is an exciting event for many, what may also be of interest is where it's being held. This year, the event takes place in Qatar, which has spent billions of dollars on the construction in preparation for the event.

For background, the World Cup is set to begin in just a few weeks with the first official game taking place on Nov. 20. 32 teams were placed in eight groups of four nations, with the top two teams in each group advancing to a round of 16, followed by a quarterfinals, semifinals and the final. Brazil currently holds the number one spot, holding a lead over Belgium in the rankings. The United States is currently ranked number 16.

Qatar's preparation for the World Cup has become the

object of scrutiny for many, particularly in regards to their treatment of its workers and civil rights.

Some may argue this event is simply about soccer, but for many, it's more than that. Since the beginning of construction in 2011, shortly after the announcement of the World Cup in Qatar in 2010, thousands of migrant workers have died in what is dubbed the "Aspire Zone."

This zone includes not only the construction of seven new stadiums, but also includes hotels, a new airport, new roads and public transportation systems. This billion dollar project is practically funding a new city for the World Cup.

Approximately 6,000 workers, mostly from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh

and Sri Lanka have died since the beginning of the Aspire Zone's construction. These numbers do not include migrants from other countries, like the Philippines and Kenya, as well as numbers past the end of 2020.

Qatar is also known for their lack of reporting on the treatment and health of their workers.

What is known is that the conditions they live in are quite poor, with unsanitary and unsafe accommodations. In addition, salaries are often withheld from workers and passports are confiscated so the workers have to remain for the entire duration of the construction.

The heat in Qatar is also cause for speculation, as many workers develop heat stress related problems. This is another issue that has been brought up with

the hosting of the World Cup in Qatar this year.

Environmentalists have been complaining about the CO2 emissions associated with the stadiums being air conditioned, however it seems like a health precaution necessary for players' to compete in the blazing heat, even if this luxury has clearly not been extended to the workers creating it.

Some cities in Europe are refusing to open their fan spaces due to these labor and environmental violations. There has also been a great deal of verbal and media objection to the event still being held in Qatar in light of the many human rights violations that have come out of it.

Qatar believes the criticism against them hosting is

unjustified, and claims that many of these human rights violations are fabricated. Several investigations and witness testimonies tend to prove otherwise.

Qatar's extreme dedication to the event seems apparent, through the billions of dollars being invested, but the methods in which it is being completed are questionable at best.

This is not a call for people not to watch the World Cup, though it may be difficult for many Americans to watch with games airing as early as five a.m., but it is a call for people to be aware of what goes on behind the scenes of massive undertakings such as the World Cup.

FIFA and companies involved will receive large financial gains from this event, but for those on the ground the cost can be, and has been much, much greater.



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## Orange and Blue Field Hockey team splits the weekend

Hannah Stuck

Senior Writer

The Bison lost a close game to American in Patriot League play, losing 3-2.

American scored the goal in the fourth quarter, claiming victory over the Bison. Even with the Bison's loss, they clinched a guarantee to the Patriot League tournament.

The goals from the Bison came from Lily Neilson '25 and Rachel Apa '24, with Neilson's goal coming only three minutes into the game. The Orange and Blue outshot American 6-0 in the first period, but the Eagles had a strong performance in the second quarter.

This was Neilson's eleventh goal of the season, being the Bison's leading goal scorer. Clara McCormick '23 was the Bison's goalie, making the initial save on the American player's penalty corner before another player got the rebound.

Kira Leclercq '26 drove to the net, with Apa redirecting the ball and scoring her fifth goal of the season. The Bison outshot American 14-12 in the game, but ultimately fell to the Eagles at the end of the match.

Even though the Bison lost the game, they still qualified for the Patriot League Tournament.

The Orange and Blue play Lock Haven in a non conference match on Sunday, following their game against American. The Bison won 3-2 at Graham Field.

Neilson scored three minutes into the second quarter, having three goals on the weekend. Kayla Kisthardt '23 also found the back of the cage, scoring right before halftime.

The Bison with assists on the day were Kisthardt, Mackenzie Kile '23, Leclercq, Isabella Pavlides '25 and

Nicky Punt '26.

The Orange and Blue had Nora Frederick '25 in goal, having four saves in the match.

Lock Haven had better play in the third quarter, but Neilson buried the game winner with 4:41 left, giving the Bison their second win in the month of October.

Neilson has 13 goals on the season, which is tied for the ninth-most in a single season by an Orange and Blue player.

"I think we have learned a lot from the games we played this last month," Defender Kari Melberger '24 said. "We are ready to take the next step into the tournament and use everything we have learned all year in those upcoming games."

The Bison had clinched the tournament for the fifteenth straight year, with only one regular season game left on Oct. 30. The Orange

## Bucknell Cross Country finds success at final tune up of season

Noor Kaur

Staff Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams both competed at home in a final tune up on Friday, looking ahead to the Patriot League Tournament this coming weekend.

With twelve runners on each course, Grant Kern '26 earned second place for the men's team on the 6k course with a time of 20:00. Trent Dinant '26 earned second place on the 4k course at 12:39.40. Quinn McCutcheon '25 and Peter Clifford '26 follow Kern with sixth and seventh place finishes, respectively. Zachary Laird '23 followed Dinant on the 4k closely with a 12:39:80 time, landing him third place. Mason Siebenhaar '26 finished fifth on this course.

For the women's team, nine Bison runners competed in a pool of twenty total. Grace Vives '26 led the herd with a second place finish at 14:59.80.

Meredith Haberfield '23 (15:23.90) and Eva Lindner '24 (15:44.10) finished in fourth and seventh place, respectively.

"Coming into the season as an entirely different team with a whole new team dynamic, nobody was really sure of what kind of results we could put up," Abby Paczewski '24 said. "We have been working for this moment since June, and I know based on our training that we have a solid group of ladies who are fully capable and are ready to run fast this weekend. Given the outcomes of workouts and previous meets, I have a feeling we are going to place high at the championship meet."

Bucknell will compete in the Patriot League Championship this Saturday, with races beginning at 10 a.m. This will be their first time hosting since 2018, where they won the league title.

## Women's Soccer ties a hard-fought game against Army

Madison Rehak

Staff Writer

The Bison contested Army for the top seeded slot in the Patriot League on Saturday, as both teams were tied for first.

This match was the Bucknell Women's Soccer's Senior day to celebrate the class and how much they have done to further the program. The seniors on the team are goalkeeper Kaylee Donnelly '23, midfielders Abby Gearhart '23 and Ashley Groeber '23, defender Alivia Handson '23, forward Rylee Donaldson '23 and captains Petie Nassetta '23 and Leanne Engemann '23.

The game was very high paced and a hard fought battle all 90 minutes of play. This is the Bison's fourth consecutive shut-out of the season, tallying 390 minutes and 31 seconds of no score for the team. Jenna Hall '24 made seven saves in the match on Saturday.

The Army goalkeeper defended five shots on goal including two very good shots from Kena

Gelman '24 and Teresa Deda '25. Both teams were defending very hard in the second half and neither gave up goals, leaving the match at 0-0. The Bison outshot Army 14-11 with few quality shot opportunities.

"I think we played super well," Nassetta said. "We had a lot of good chances in the first that didn't go our way. It was a super high intensity game and we were hoping to get a win, but a tie still puts us in a great position for the tournament."

With this result, the Bison have clinched a spot in the Patriot League Tournament, sitting fourth in the league. The team will next host Lehigh at Emmitt Varsity Field to compete for higher seeding in the tournament.

If the Bison place in the top two-seeds, they will ensure a bye into the Patriot League semi-finals. Watch the game on ESPN+ and keep up with the live statistics on the Bucknell Athletics webpage.

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# Kanye, Corporations, and Cancel Culture

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Opinions Co-Editor

A few weeks ago, Kanye West made headlines once again after debuting his "White Lives Matter" garments at Paris Fashion Week alongside conservative commentator Candice Owens.

This statement has historically been associated with white supremacist organizations. Since then, his rhetoric has escalated, leading corporations and industry leaders to distance themselves from the rapper. Over the past week, West made comments suggesting that drugs were the cause of George Floyd's tragic death and not police brutality like the courts have concluded.

West also made and doubled-down on anti-Semitic remarks, suggesting that the

Jewish community was a part of a conspiratorial network designed to "own the Black voice." These types of comments are not new, but, coming from an esteemed rapper with hundreds of millions of fans and followers gives them another layer of legitimacy, exacerbating the potential of harm for members of the Jewish community.

Kanye West is no stranger to controversy. Throughout the past couple of years, he has inflammatory and offensive remarks, such as the insinuation that slavery was a choice. Somehow, each time he has come under fire for his language, he has managed to make an impressive recovery. This is due to a combination of fanaticism

surrounding his music catalog and because of his extensive ties to fashion and media brands.

A West-comeback is unlikely to occur this time around. Why? Because this time, companies have actually done something about it. Almost overnight following West's recent comments, a multitude of corporations ended their relationships with the rapper, including (but not limited to) Balenciaga, Def Jam, Gap, the Creative Arts Agency, and, most surprisingly, Adidas. It is estimated that the rapper has lost close to \$1 billion in potential earnings.

In the age of "cancel culture", corporations have played a unique role in

shaping the narrative around the range of tolerable speech. A unique dynamic between artists and the platforms they use to broadcast their work has also emerged — for example, Neil Young left Spotify after the music streaming platform refused to cut ties with Joe Rogan after he spread misinformation about the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact of this was negligible, as it only really impacted Young himself and the people that love his music.

West's swift and dramatic fall from grace this week reveals that while artists and consumers can use their voices to denounce hate speech and the spreading of dangerous misinformation,

the true power lies with corporations. The voices that corporations choose to amplify versus the voices that corporations aim to silence are a clear indicator of where their priorities lie. In West's case, it is likely that these companies realized that West's growing unfavourability would translate to a decline in sales, expediting the process of his ousting.

Regardless, the pivotal role that corporations have played in the "cancellation" of Kanye West has redefined the relationship between artists, corporations and consumers, and sets an interesting precedent for how these actors will interplay the next time an artist is subjected to a public reckoning.

## Is extremist campaigning productive?

**Sal Iovino**

Digital Managing Editor

Across the country, the heated Pennsylvania senate race between Dr. Mehmet Oz and John Fetterman is drawing more and more attention as the election draws nearer. A key element to gaining this attention is the campaigning efforts on behalf of both parties. Perhaps it is simply just a natural development of the digital age, but in addition to the traditional lawn signs, banners along roads and highway billboards, video ads seem to now be the pre-eminent form of campaigning on both ends of the political spectrum. Logistically, this does make sense, as the easiest channels to use to spread their messages as broadly as possible are wide-reaching media sources such as Facebook and YouTube, however, the messages within these ads seem to have taken on a very specific tone.

As with nearly all elections, access to affordable healthcare, protections on women's rights and household tax rates are all amongst the most prominent issues being addressed and commented

on. Both candidates have adopted the role of a "political outsider", and have made it incredibly clear just how opposed they are to the other candidates views and potential election.

Fetterman's optics — as a political outsider come from his imposing physical appearance as well as his unique track record. Standing at an almost shocking 6'8 with unmistakable facial hair as well as a set of tattoos broadly stretched across each of his forearms, he is certainly not the stereotypical image of an American politician. Fetterman's method of coming into politics has also been a platform he has used to describe himself as an outsider, as he was not born into a family with any political connection, nor does he bear a degree in any kind of political study. His claim is that his motivations to be involved in politics are grounded in a desire to help people and working families, a popular stance that is broad enough to reach people on both sides of the political aisle.

On the other end, Dr. Oz has leaned into his TV persona, citing his years of experience in the public eye as a positive for his ability to handle the pressures and problems of being a U.S senator. While the connection between reality television and politics may not seem to be in any way fruitful, it has become somewhat of a hallmark for the Republican party, another way Oz is gaining interest. By aligning himself with traditional conservative values, Oz has won his way into the Republican nomination, regardless of any actual displays of political experience or prowess.

Regardless of the actual substance of either candidate, what has been somewhat shocking is the method of campaigning deployed by both candidates, particularly Dr. Oz's campaign, however. As mentioned before, social media ads and videos have become the most popular form of campaigning this election cycle. Many of the Democratic, pro-Fetterman ads consist of highlighting Dr. Oz's publicized objection to

abortion access throughout Pennsylvania, and emphasizing the potential for a statewide abortion ban that could have national implications. While certainly preying on the fears of center or near-center voters, the ads are not explicitly false, however, their highly polarizing nature is a very clear insight into the campaigning strategy being used. These ads are oftentimes followed by highlighting how Fetterman plans to increase reproductive care access nationwide, and paint a picture of a "forward-thinking" Pennsylvania. Ads endorsing Dr. Oz take on a similar tone, just in a different direction, as they prey on the fear of a radical leftist candidate that would strip Pennsylvania of its "moral" working-class values. The image of "Far-Left Fetterman" has been crafted almost masterfully by the Oz campaign, going as far as to align him with Soviet-era communism to instill the notion that a Democratic candidate would prove dangerous for Pennsylvania, and destroy those who need support the most.

In both instances, the campaigning is extreme, however, this phenomenon may not be limited solely to the Pennsylvania race. Polarization has become an incredibly effective tactic in everything from marketing products to marketing ideologies, and the internet has just facilitated constant exposure to emotionally evocative content, creating an even larger market for content that reaffirms and caters to pre-existing biases. This is not a productive strategy for the future of politics, however, as it continues to drag the focus away from the crucial issues that require bipartisan support, and just entice those with no intention of instituting effective governance, but a flair for the public eye to enter the political landscape. In terms of corrective strategy, it is the responsibility of the voters. Extremism is rapidly becoming the norm, and this will bleed into how US politics perform unless voters decide to unify for a better nation and not to bolster their ego.



## In Defense of the Basic Halloween Costume



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As the temperatures drop and the leaves redden, it is evident to the campus community that spooky season is upon us. With spooky season comes Halloween, a holiday that I am torn on both for logistical and financial reasons.

Halloween was one of my favorite holidays as a child: candy, decorations, Fall movies and most importantly, wearing basic DIY costumes. Admittedly, I had one creative costume year where I dressed up as The Hunger Games' Caesar Flickerman (a costume that probably tipped the scale a little too far into the "creative" realm).

As we've grown older almost all of those aspects of Halloween disappeared, excluding the costume piece. Five years ago it would've been totally acceptable to wear a basic costume, whether that be a devil, cat or vampire. However, in the past couple of years or so it is evident that there's been a rise in competitiveness when it comes to finding creative Halloween costumes.

The once-acceptable ghost and witch costumes are now judged by the majority, shunned even. There are many factors that could be contributing to this newfound competitive atmosphere surrounding costumes: the rise of Tik Tok, pervasive Pinterest aesthetics or the contentious use of Instagram.

After spending innumerable hours painstakingly researching the most creative costumes I could wear this year, I finally gave up and decided it's time to defend the basic Halloween costume. It is so much more economical to utilize what is already in your closet and whip together a last-minute, albeit basic, costume than it is to spend upwards of \$100 on a costume you will wear once.

My second pitch point for the basic costume is that you can make it ironic. At this point, a simple costume will be more unique amongst a crowd of people in their "innovative" ones. I find it funny when someone confidently wears all black and cat ears and is unapologetic about the simplicity of the costume.

Following my laborious research spree, I have finally decided on two costumes. To the creative person they could be considered basic, but to the average person they are somewhat amusing. Both of my costumes stem from entertainment's greatest developments: Pulp Fiction and Breaking Bad if that clues you in at all. I plan on approaching Halloween with the readiness to debate anyone who tries to argue that costumes that require money and brain power are superior to the basic ones. Sometimes the easy way out is just better, and this year you may even get praised for having the audacity to wear something so simple.

## Take care of yourself, and look at some pretty trees while you're at it

Ricky Rodriguez  
Senior Writer

Pumpkin Spice. Scarves. Crunchy leaves. Small jumps over puddles. 'Orbit' by Nao. Tender-smelling candles. Gold jewelry. Smiling more. Windy breezes that are cold enough to wake you up for your 8 a.m. Monsters, Inc. Hot chocolate. Blasting Taylor Swift. Romanticizing the perfect work set-up. Actually organizing my Google Calendar. Calling my grandma and telling her I love her. Cooking food that reminds me of home. Being kinder to myself.

These are some of the things Fall reminds me of. This is what the beautiful trees that adorn our campus make me feel: warm, cozy, and a sense that I (a person whose first encounter with snow was my first year here) can survive the harsh winter.

I've made it a priority to take as many walks around campus as possible this year—not just because my time on campus is almost done but also because the changing leaves remind me that things do get better. Things—people, relationships, our (whole)

selves—are meant to transform and go through various periods in order to grow. Periods we struggle with because we have no idea what the hell is going on but always end up being rewarding.

Considering senior year is very, very stressful, these walks have helped me clear my head, run into people I love seeing on campus and, of course, take those cute insta pics. Like, come on. Have you seen how beautiful that tree outside the ELC is—orange and mightier than ever. That's my favorite tree.

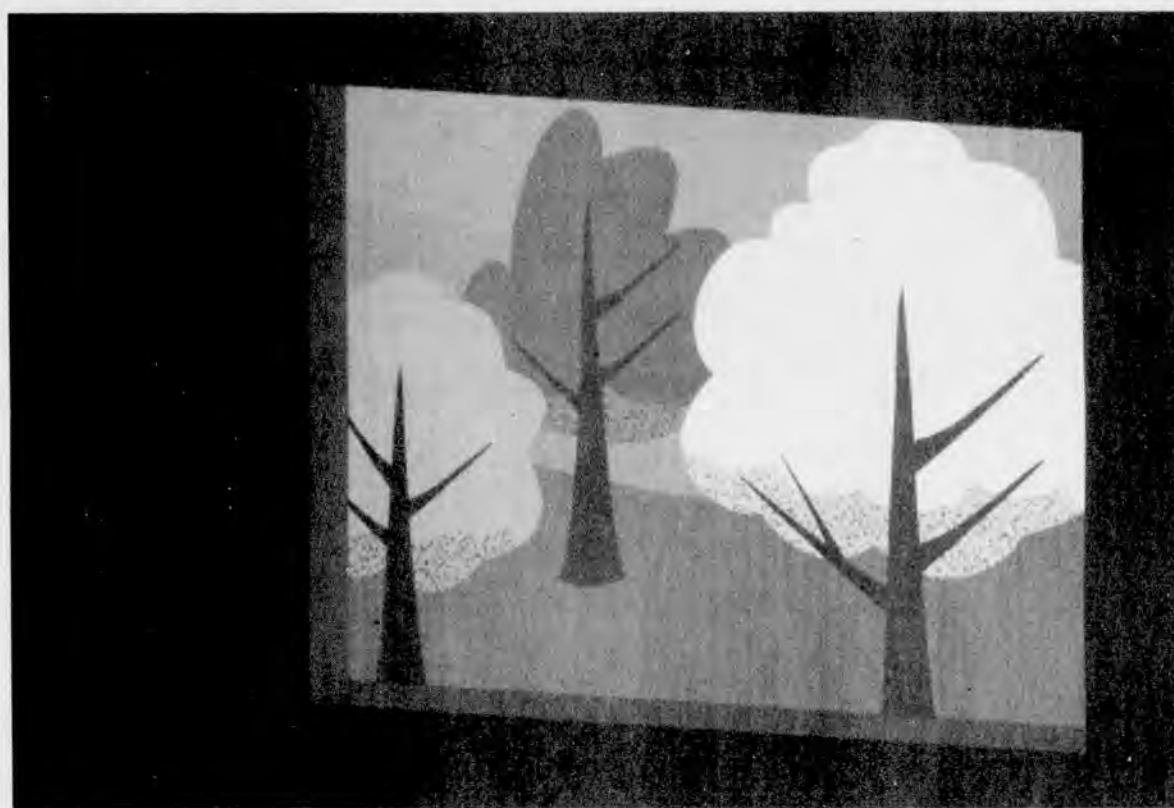
On the topic of senior year and the uneasy feeling all seniors are feeling at this point during the school year, I want to encourage all seniors to do everything they can to practice self-care and find joy. Yes, the job search is important. Yes, grad school applications will not get done on their own. Yes, your friends want to go out and it could be a very fun night.

To be honest, those things can wait. Making sure your mind, body, and soul are

being taken care of should be your highest priority. It is difficult to take care of yourself when more than one thing is tugging at you for attention, but finding a balance between fully enjoying the present and preparing for the future is crucial in keeping sane. Especially at Bucknell.

So, some of my recommendations to lessen the stress of it all:

1. Delete the Gmail app from your phone. Set aside a time to look over emails a day but don't let that little app trigger panic attacks.
2. Don't scroll through LinkedIn if one of your biggest stressors is getting a job right now. Especially if you're going to compare yourself to others.
3. Get a hold of a simple journal and write/draw all the things that make you happy—a world only you have access to.
4. Listen to the playlists Spotify makes for you—some of them are actually really bomb.
5. Get more sleep and put your phone on do not disturb when you're ready to wind down.
6. Take more walks! Take pictures! Especially with friends.



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# Bucknell Outdoor Education Offers a Leadership program and Winter Break Trips

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The Bucknell Outdoor Education Leadership Program provides students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in various outdoor experiences. With access to explore 117 Pennsylvania state parks, 2.1 million acres of forest and thousands of hiking and biking trails that surround the Lewisburg area, the OEL opportunities are endless. Trips are run by student leaders who undergo extensive training to ensure the trips are safe and enjoyable. Weekly throughout the year different outdoor adventures are planned. No experience is required for any of the programs, making them accessible to any interested Bucknell student. One of the many Adventure Trips Student Managers Nick Spaduto '24 spoke on his many different experiences with OEL.

"Outdoor Education and Leadership (OEL) is a really special community here at Bucknell," Spaduto said. "It is rare for a school our size to have such extensive opportunities and resources to experience the outdoors."

Spaduto highlighted the "hardwork and dedication" that directors Kris Smith and Sarah Morris have put into the program since 2019. He said that both President John Bowman and Dean Karen Conrad have also been supportive of the OEL mission.

Spaduto has two years of experience as a trip leader and has now been a manager for a year. "From the experienced rock climber to the first time paddler, OEL is a welcoming community for all, providing a nice change of pace to life on campus and really bringing together a lot of different social circles at Bucknell," he said.

Speaking on the different trips themselves Spaduto said, "I think my most memorable experience was leading a pre-orientation camping & paddling trip at Raystown Lake. I was super excited for everything to come, we're offering an ice climbing trip to Colorado and a skiing trip to Vermont over winter break." The OEL program is offering different trips for students to sign up for and have a member in the upcoming weeks for students to keep an eye on.

## Camping at World's End

Students will have the opportunity to "camp and stare at the stars" at World's End State Park on Oct. 29. The park contains over 780 acres and is surrounded by the Loyalsock State Forest. All transportation, food, and gear will be provided and participation in the event is completely free for all Bucknell students.

## Climb Nittany - Indoor Rock Climbing Gym

The indoor rock climbing trip will be taking place Oct. 29 at Penn State. The state-of-the-art rock climbing facility allows for beginners and experienced climbers to hone their skills. The rock climb offers a variety of climbs such as bouldering, top rope climbing, lead climbing, autobelayed climbing, and a training area. This trip is not outdoors but still provides Bucknell students with a week-end activity and an opportunity to get off campus.

## Mountain Biking

30 miles from Bucknell's campus is Bald Eagle State Park, which has an extensive network of trails for mountain bikers. This event will occur on Sunday Oct. 30 and does require mountain biking experience. The trip will start at 9 a.m. and conclude around 2 p.m. with transportation provided by Bucknell.

## Spooky Canoe

One of the most popular OEL events of the year is the Spooky Canoe kayaking trip. The trip departs from Bucknell's own private river landing in the Susquehanna River at 5pm on October 30. Students will embark on a canoe trip through the River in a Halloween costume of their choice. The unique experience of kayaking while wearing a Halloween costume allows for students to both experience the outdoors in a fun and unique way. No prior kayaking experience is necessary and the trip offers a way for students to wrap up their Halloween weekend. Outdoor Education Leadership does not end when classes do at Bucknell. Over winter break two unique trips are available for all Bucknell students to apply for. They provide a way for students to stay active during winter break as well as engage with peers who have similar interests such as skiing, snowboarding and ice climbing.

## Ouray Ice Climbing

This week-long trip to Colorado contains ice climbing, natural spring swimming and exploring South-west Colorado. The trip dates are Jan. 7-14, with the group meeting on Bucknell's campus prior to departure. The trip provides training on ice climbing along with any gear necessary. Ouray Ice Park is a manmade climbing park located only minutes from the town of Ouray with over 100 different ice and mixed climbing trails. The park has trails for all students and no prior ice climbing experience is needed. After four days of ice climbing, students will get to explore the hot springs of Colorado before heading back to Bucknell to start the spring semester.

## Ski the Northeast Winter Break

Five days of skiing and snowboarding at some of the biggest mountains in the Northeast are provided through this trip. Both Jay Peak and Smugglers Notch are home to hundreds of acres of ski trails and over 2,000 feet of vertical drop on both mountains. Smuggler's Notch is even home to the only Triple Black Diamond in the Northeast. This trip runs through Jan. 8-15 and is an opportunity for Bucknell students to have fun in the snow before school starts. For registration information regarding any of the Bucknell Outdoor Education Leadership programs students can visit <https://www.bucknelloel.info>.





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*Editor's Note: This article was posted on the Bucknellian website (bucknellian.net) on Tuesday, November 1.*

Public Safety has charged a student with misdemeanor invasion of privacy for allegedly video recording other students in the Uptown men's restroom.

Matthew Nowell, a senior electrical engineering student from White House Station, N.J., is accused of using hidden cameras in the restroom to video record other students for over a year, according to Lewisburg District Judge Jeffery Rowe's office.

Official court documents revealed that 363 students were shown on video using the urinal and exposing themselves.

Bucknell University President John Bravman addressed the student body on Tuesday in an email, confirming Bucknell filed charges against a student, but did not mention Nowell by name. Bravman said the equipment is believed to have been in use since January 2021.

"The University has already taken immediate and significant actions," Bravman said, in his email. "Public Safety inspected all public campus restrooms to locate any additional hidden devices and none were found. Routine inspection of public campus restrooms for hidden devices will continue."

Bravman said that forensics run on the phone show that no files were shared with third parties.

Nowell was working as the General Manager at the Uptown since 2021, but prior to that position he worked as the Technical Manager of the student-run nightclub, according to his LinkedIn profile. He also worked as a technical assistant for the Department of Theatre and Dance at the University.

According to a report from the Daily Item, Bucknell Public Safety was notified by a New Jersey detective that Nowell was being investigated for allegedly possessing child pornography. University officers were also notified that some of the videos they had found showed individuals in what appeared to be a public restroom.

Officers then searched the bathroom area of Uptown,

where they found two hidden cameras, the Daily Item reported.

Bravman said that the student is "no longer permitted on campus," and that anyone who thinks they could have been recorded should call the hotline — 570-777-2222 — listed in his email. The University is also offering counseling services for members of the community who request it.

Bucknell Chief of Public Safety Anthony Morgan denied a request for comment.

"The security and safety of our campus is of the utmost importance. I am deeply disturbed by the actions of the suspect, and emphasize that Bucknell is fully committed to protecting the privacy and well-being of our community," Bravman's email.

## Faculty members demand raised wages from administrators

**Jaxon White**  
Editor-in-Chief

More than 250 Bucknell faculty members passed a motion at their monthly meeting on Tuesday calling for President Bravman and the administration to raise current professor salaries.

"It is the sense of the faculty that the administration needs to stop cutting the real salaries of faculty and staff, that even in tough years salaries should be maintained in real terms, and that we should return to a model where faculty salary increases are pegged to those at peer institutions," read the motion.

The Board of Trustees raised faculty and staff salaries by 3.5 percent for the 2023 year, President Bravman said to The Bucknellian, in an emailed statement.

"The administration has not cut salaries, laid off, or furloughed University personnel — not even during the nation's weaker economy during the pandemic," Bravman said.

Economics Professor Geoff Schneider, author of the motion, said salaries have not kept up with the rate of inflation, so although it may seem like professors' salaries are being raised, their "real salary" has less purchasing power compared to past years.

Current national inflation rates stand at 8.2 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

If Bucknell's salaries are allowed to fall behind its peer institutions, Schneider said he worries that the University could lose its best professors.

According to data taken from both American Association of University Professors and the Bucknell Factbook, professors at Bucknell have had their salaries increased less than the national average.

The national average salary for a professor rose 30.7 percent from 2008 to 2021. At Bucknell, assistant professors have had their salaries increased about 28.1 percent, associate professors have had theirs increased 26.3 percent and full professors have seen a 14.5 percent increase in that period.

Schneider said faculty members would need to take more work as consultants if salary raises continue as they have, but this could eventually lead to a decline in Bucknell education due to professors being spread thin.

Faculty members have also devoted a lot more time to the student body since the pandemic, according to Schneider, adding pressure to those salaries.

"It is a stressful time, and this requires a lot more effort than it used to," he said.

The University provided a one-time "COVID bonus" of \$5,000 for most faculty and staff members, "in recognition and gratitude for the work performed by Bucknell employees during the

pandemic," Bravman said.

According to Schneider, a lot of additional work has been added to faculty responsibilities in the past two decades.

"For example, in addition to grading and evaluating work in our classes, we are asked to document how much progress students are making relative to department and university learning goals," Schneider said. "We have been asked to add student portfolios to our teaching and advising."

A lot of additional work seems to parallel the increase in the number of administrators at Bucknell, Schneider said.

"It seems as if each new administrator adds one more item to the list of faculty responsibilities, so they can make their stamp on the place and get their next job," he said. "Unfortunately, with the large increase in faculty workload at the same time salaries are being cut, we are seeing a steep decline in faculty morale."

Schneider and the other faculty members agreed that change needs to come from the administration.

"We [the University] have been increasingly spending funds on expanding the size of the administration and on new buildings, while cutting salaries of the faculty. As nice as the new buildings are, faculty are the essence of the institution. To me, this seems like a misallocation of resources," Schneider said.

## Speak UP "Takes Back the Night"

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Speak UP hosted their "Take Back the Night" event in the Science Quad on Oct. 27. The name is in reference to how women often fear for their safety when walking alone at night, and the event acts as a way to take back the night by honoring victims and speaking out against sexual violence.

The first Take Back the Night protest took place in England in the 1870s, and later found its way to the U.S. in the 1970s. Now, this protest takes place annually and internationally in big cities and on small college campuses.

The event began with brief speeches from President John Bravman and Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Advocacy Coordinator Kristin Gibson.

Fae Groves '24, Speak UP events coordinator, concluded the opening remarks. In her speech, she called attention to the responsibilities of administrators when it comes to preventing and responding to sexual violence on campus.

"It is the responsibility of those in power to establish a culture of accountability amongst perpetrators of all kinds of violence," Groves said in an email. "Victim-survivors deserve to be supported, acknowledged, believed and protected by their peers and the institutions that they attend—that is the bare minimum."

"As the Events Coordinator for Speak UP, I have negative first-hand experiences and pushback for doing the work that we do, which I made a priority to call out in my speech," Groves said.

"Specifically, it is extremely frustrating for victim-survivors and their allies to see figures from administration speak at events like Take Back the Night for performative purposes or for PR."

One of the main features of the event are the stories, speeches and poems shared by students and faculty. Speak UP members Ariel Ulrich '25, Dora Kreitzer '25 and Molly Tuthill '24 shared anonymous stories submitted by students.

Graduate assistant Hannah Holt shared information about her research on campus sexual violence. Director of Equity & Inclusive Excellence Jocelyne Scott then shared some of her personal experiences.

Amanda Kalaydjian '24 and Kaia Rendo '23 shared personal stories, and Helena Strauss '24 read a poem written by Ricky Rodriguez '23.

With the conclusion of this statement, attendees were then asked to follow Maxwell Chen '23 and Makenna Luzenski '23 as they led another main feature of this event—a march around campus. The walk went around the back of the senior apartments and through the fraternity chapter houses, then returned back to the Science Quad.

"We used to host this event in the Smith-Vedder Quad," Groves said. "We changed the location to maximize accessibility for attendees and to maximize the number of populations exposed to the march."

Take Back the Night was one of the final events of Speak UP's "No More Month," a month of events dedicated to bringing attention to the issue of campus sexual violence. Throughout the month, Speak UP members and other supporters would participate in "Purple Thursdays" by wearing the color in solidarity with victim-survivors of interpersonal violence.

Another display of solidarity throughout the month was the Red Flag Campaign. Members of the Bucknell community



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# breaking the bubble

Bridgette Simpson  
News Editor

## DOMESTIC

John Fetterman, the Democratic candidate for the Pennsylvania Senate race, is one point ahead of opponent, Dr. Mehmet Oz, the Republican candidate. However, poll results conducted by Muhlenberg College and Morning Call suggest that the results are virtually at a tie. In addition, Governor Democratic candidate Josh Shapiro is currently ahead of Republican candidate Doug Mastriano by 14 points, and 53 percent of likely Pennsylvania voters disapprove of Biden's performance, which is relatively similar to results found in September.

Kansas Hall of Fame coach Bill Self and his assistant Kurtis Townsend were suspended for the first four games of the season due to an FBI investigation into corruption in college basketball recruitment strategies. Several changes will be made beginning this season due to Kansas' involvement in fundraising and boosting efforts to sway players to attend KU, including reducing the total number of official visits, permissible recruiting days, and number of scholarships available.

## INTERNATIONAL

Europe recorded their hottest summer in history, with temperatures hitting an average of 0.4 degrees Celsius higher than in the past. The United Nations' World Meteorological Organization released data that show Europe has experienced warming twice as severe as the global average. The rest of the world has increased by approximately 0.18 degrees Celsius since 1991, while Europe has increased by approximately 0.5 degrees Celsius.

On Saturday night, a Halloween celebration in Seoul, South Korea killed 156 people; thousands of people were packed into an alley no more than 13 feet wide, resulting in people being suffocated and crushed. About 130 more people were injured, and the city has been closed down for a week as a period of nationwide mourning.

## Spooktacular hosts Halloween activities for local children

Riley King  
Contributing Writer

The Bucknell Panhellenic community hosted its annual Spooktacular event on Oct. 30.

The event was located at the MacDonald Commons Lawn and ran from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Most of the Greek life organizations had a table with multiple volunteers stationed at it and was assigned a different type of costume for the volunteers to dress up as during the event.

All of the volunteer tables were scattered with candy, games and crafts that the kids could take and participate in. Each family moved around to the different tables spread out across the lawn. It was a heartwarming experience for the volunteers and parents along with a fun-filled day for the kids.

"It was really fun to be on the other side of Spooktacular this year holding a leadership position whereas last year I was

a volunteer for my chapter," Audrey Lee '24, vice president of philanthropy for Kappa Kappa Gamma said in an emailed statement. "The conjoined efforts between the [Panhellenic], inter-fraternity councils and local children of Lewisburg made this event a great success. This event brought multiple communities together which enriched the connections we foster through Bucknell and local communities as well as the Halloween Spirit."

Devin Halliburton '24, a member of Xi Kappa of Kappa Alpha Psi, volunteered at the event.

"Spooktacular was an incredible event that was well put together by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs," Halliburton said in an email. "It was really nice to see not only the children from the Lewisburg community but children from neighboring towns. I also think it was really cool to see all the Greek-letter organizations with smiles on their faces and just

happy to be able to participate in such a big service event."

Phi Gamma Delta's Head of Philanthropy Reed Signer said the experience was a heartwarming experience.

"I thought Spooktacular was a great opportunity for Greek Life to give back to the community in such a small yet rewarding way," Signer said. "I definitely look forward to participating again next year."

Greek life organizations at Bucknell said they demonstrated their devotion to philanthropy this weekend at Spooktacular and were able to connect on a deeper level with the greater Lewisburg community.

The participating organizations were Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Phi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Gamma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Xi Kappa of Kappa Alpha Psi.



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## TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

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wrote aspects of unhealthy relationships on red flags and healthy aspects on blue flags, which were then displayed on the uphill ELC lawn on October 13-28.

There was a screening of the documentary Murder on Mercy: The Cyntoia Brown Story at the Campus Theatre on Oct. 18. The documentary details the story of Cyntoia Brown, a young woman who was forced into prostitution and was incarcerated for shooting an abuser and

her journey to clemency. The screening was followed by a letter-writing session to incarcerated victim-survivors in collaboration with the Women's Resource Center.

On Oct. 30, Speak Up held the final event of No More Month, "Walk a Mile in their Shoes." Participants wore teal and walked a mile to raise money for Transitions of PA.

Speak UP applications are currently open, and those interested should reach out to Kristin Gibson.

## Seventeenth annual River Symposium to be held this weekend

Bridgette Simpson  
News Editor

The event will boast several presentations from watershed scientists and engineers on an array of topics relevant to the river, including health, resiliency, art, community partnerships and renewable energy.

This symposium brings together people with common interest, research and experience in river and ecological conservation and protection, and provides an opportunity for the general public to interact with presenters through detailed descriptions of their presentations as well as targeted breakout discussions.

More than 150 faculty, students and other professionals will present on an array of rivers all over the United States in oral and poster presentations.

"Voices include Native American leaders, scientists from across the United States, and professional fly fishermen who earn their living working on the water," Ben Hayes, director of the BCSE Watershed Sciences and Engineering Program, said. "There will be oral and poster presentations from universities, conservancies, emergency response officials, and state and federal agencies. There is something for everyone."

The keynote speaker will be Sid Hill, Tadodaho [chief] of

the Onondaga and Keeper of the Flame of the Six Nation Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

"The giveback is an opportunity to apply traditional ecological knowledge to renew our stewardship obligations to restore these lands and waters and to preserve them for the future generations yet to come," Hill said.

Hill travels across the country frequently to advocate for environmental protection and conservation. This past summer, more than 1,000 acres of land were returned to the Onondaga at their base in Syracuse, N.Y. This marked the largest land return in New York State history. Hill's speech will precede the rest of the event, which will conclude at 10 p.m. Friday night after presentations from roughly 100 students and faculty from other universities.

Saturday morning will consist of several different presentations by experts and professionals, including the president and executive director of the American Indian Law Alliance Betty Lyons, renowned fly-fishing coach, guide and author Lance Wilt, in addition to Jeff Janvrin, a habitat specialist from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Saturday afternoon will follow with additional oral presentations from a plethora of other environmental organizations, primarily from across the region.

## Bucknellian Trivia

Q: How many worldwide alumni does Bucknell have?

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# Bravman answers questions from BSG President in Trout Auditorium

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President John Bravman spoke with Bucknell Student Government President Bernadette Maramis '24 for the annual "A Night with the Presidents" event in Trout Auditorium on Nov. 1.

The conversation began with brief remarks from Maramis and Bravman, transitioned to pre-questions and concluded with a live Q&A session, where students in attendance were able to pose their own queries to President Bravman.

A plethora of topics were covered throughout the discussion, including questions regarding diversity, equity and inclusion, the University's goals for sustainability, the importance of the MyVoice survey and the ways in which the University provides academic support.

The speakers also talked about whether Bucknell would transition into a research institution, the infamous issue of parking on campus, future plans for lower campus, next year's culmination of Parents Weekend and Homecoming and President Bravman's own vision of what the Bucknell student experience should look like.

Maramis began the pre-submitted questions by inquiring about the University's commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030; President Bravman said that he was very proud that the University had been named No. 40 in the Princeton Review's Top 50 Green Schools and reiterated that he felt extremely accomplished that it had become a reality.

"Every building built on campus since 2010 is ranked as LEED silver or better," Bravman said, alluding to the universal system used to determine the sustainability of buildings.

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is the system by which Bucknell buildings are ranked in sustainability.

President Bravman also stressed the importance of students participating in and taking the MyVoice survey, and explained how difficult it is for the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and administration to understand "where students are at in their thinking and actions."

Bravman also explained that in years past, the survey has had a return rate of almost 60 percent, while this year's response rate is resting at approximately half of that. Dean Badal also chimed in to enhance the importance of taking the survey and reminded students that there are a multitude of prizes available to be raffled away to students who participate.

President Bravman spoke briefly on the notorious issue of parking permits, and delineated the issue as one that is found at almost every college campus in the country. Bravman also said that "[He] will ask you to consider... not to drive to class."

He said that almost no university allows for first-years to

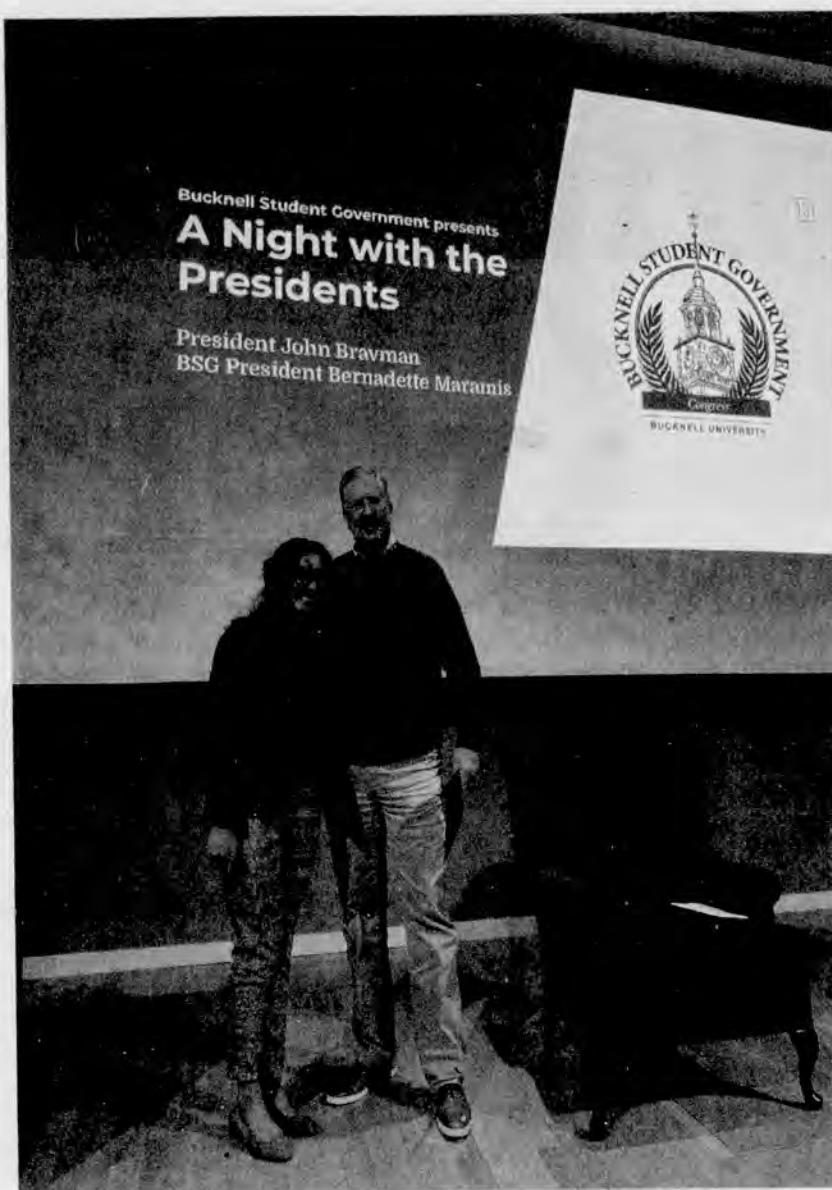


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have cars on campus and that they will not convert land into more parking lots in order to uphold their carbon neutrality promise.

Maramis also asked President Bravman about future plans for the University, including a lower campus, specifically, as well as whether administrators were considering shifting into a research institution. Bravman immediately responded that no, there are not and will not be any plans to convert Bucknell into a research University.

He did outline some of the architectural shortcomings of the University, and said that there isn't a real "front door" of campus.

"We will never develop the front lawn as long as long [he's] here," Bravman said.

He said despite how beautiful the university is widely regarded, it suffers from some architectural flaws. He said the historic Seventh Street House will never be touched, but that the Seventh Street Cafe needs some renovation, in addition to the Botany Building.

Bravman said that the University has hired two architectural firms in order to advise administrators on what to do with the wide open space and with buildings that may need some form of renovation or makeover.

In addition, Maramis posed a question to President Bravman regarding the university's DEI policies and strides that have been made in recent years to facilitate more conscious efforts in improving and increasing diversity.

Bravman shared an anecdotal comment detailing the changes he has seen in his own administration, describing the difference between when he had only white male administrators reporting to him when he arrived in 2010 versus

nowadays only having one white male reporting to him.

He also discussed the imperative responsibility of the University to seek a new employee on the VP level after the departure of Nikki Young, who helped make great strides in the university's commitment to improve diversity, equity and inclusion.

Students additionally expressed dissent with the prospected combination of Parents Weekend and Homecoming for the Fall 2023 semester, to which Bravman said that despite next year being a "pilot" of sorts to test the functionality of combining both events, he said he "doubts it will return to how it was."

He indicated that the attendance for Homecoming Weekend has declined in recent years and that the events funded and put on for the occasion have been poorly attended, which fostered the original motivation for the culmination of both occasions on the same weekend. Bravman said he hopes this change will help the university's interest in "conserving resources."

The event concluded the pre-submitted questions with Bravman detailing his hopes for what the ideal student experience at Bucknell would entail; the first thing he stressed was to enjoy time at Bucknell because it goes by very quickly, echoing the sentiments of other long-heard aphorisms regarding college years.

He also drew from his own first-generation college funding experience, explaining that most of his education from Stanford University was paid for in loans, scholarships and part-time jobs.

"I want everyone who is admitted to Bucknell to be able to afford Bucknell," Bravman said.

## Biden's loan forgiveness program faces roadblock

**Kyra DeVoe**  
Staff Writer

One week after the applications for student debt forgiveness went live, 22 million qualifying individuals had already applied with hopes that the weight of their crippling student debt might be lifted off their shoulders.

In the weeks following, the applications would have begun to be processed, and the forgiveness of loans would have become a sight on the horizon for all the applicants. The process of President Biden's forgiveness program was halted on Oct. 21, when a lawsuit filed by six Republican states set out to block the program's ability to relive any debt.

Biden's plan set out to relieve up to \$20,000 in student debt for Pell Grant recipients, and up to \$10,000 in student debt to non Pell Grant recipients. It also limited the maximum cost of monthly payments from 10 percent of an individual's discretionary income to five percent of an individual's discretionary income.

The lawsuit was filed on the grounds that companies who handle state based loans would be hurt by the federal loan forgiveness program. State loan companies also handle federal loans and the court case — filed by Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, South Carolina and Nebraska — claimed that these companies will be irreparably hurt if federal loans are forgiven.

A federal judge dismissed the case, saying there were no grounds for this lawsuit. After the dismissal, the states appealed the case and requested that the program be put on pause while the cause was being evaluated by a federal appeals court. This request was approved, meaning that the Biden Administration cannot take any steps to relieve student debt at this time.

In the period of time while Biden's plan has been paused, individuals who owe thousands of dollars in student debt are still struggling to make payments.

The Bucknellian reported in September that more than 900 Bucknell students would qualify for the loan forgiveness program. Some students are upset about this roadblock.

"This is very upsetting for students everywhere, and will have long lasting effects on their futures," Alexandra Miller '23 said.

Despite this hindrance to Biden's new program, his administration is optimistic that this is simply a delay, rather than a halt, to their plan. Biden's administration is still urging qualified individuals to apply during this time, so that when the pause is lifted the process of their forgiveness will be quicker.

While it is unlikely that this lawsuit will result in a reversal of the student debt forgiveness program, it is still a roadblock in the way of past and present students who have been waiting years for politicians to do something about their debilitating debt.



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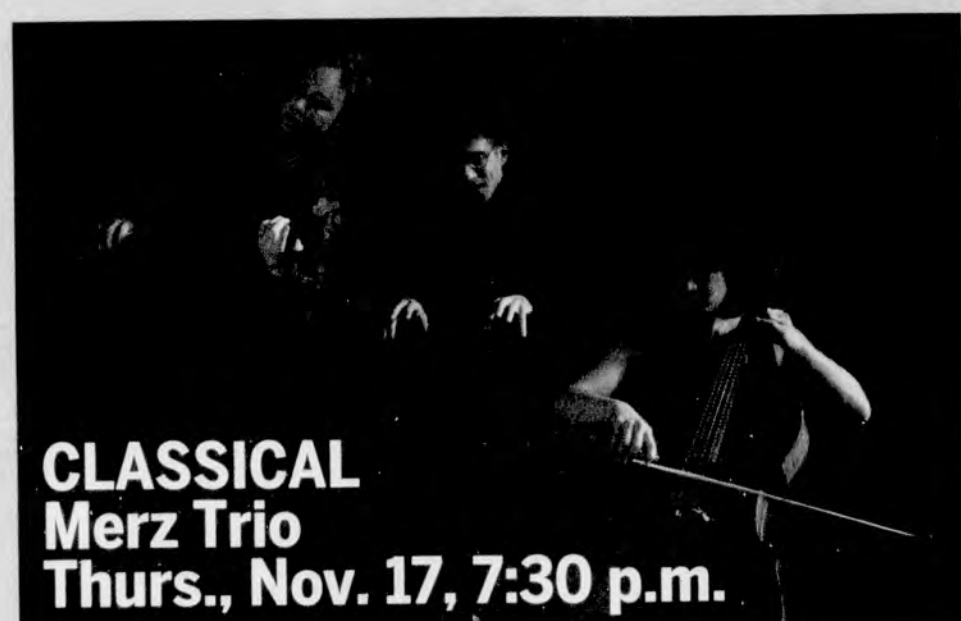
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## Heresy! Campus Harry Potter event teaches real magic

Aaron Chin  
Senior Writer

There's no denying that the Harry Potter franchise is one of the most popular film franchises ever created. With seven books, eight movies and several spinoffs, including a very poorly plotted Broadway play, the Harry Potter franchise has garnered a lot of popularity with its fans. So naturally, this past Halloween weekend, the campus held a Harry Potter themed event complete with Butterbeer, stuff-a-plush and a viewing of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. The event was a wild success... until things took a turn.

One of the many fun activities that were offered were magic classes. These classes were intended to be nothing more than fun and fake lessons that were meant to give students the illusion that they were taking classes at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The fake class was taught by none other than the

University's very own Professor B. Flitwick, who, we are told, bears no relation to the Professor Flitwick that teaches Charms at Hogwarts. Hogwarts is not real (or so we think).

Anyways, Professor B. Flitwick taught students the famous Wingardium Leviosa spell that was seen in the first Harry Potter book and movie. However, one student actually managed to get the spell to work on another student, who we shall call "Fly Away Finneas." Finneas promptly started levitating out of nowhere and floated away, up into the sky.

No one has seen Finneas since that night. On Monday, one of the astronomy classes went out to the observatory to see if they could get any Fly Away Finneas sightings. They found him, astonishingly; Finneas appeared to be just chilling on a cloud that looked like a pregnant Humpback Whale.

This sighting started a movement. On social media, students have been posting #BRINGBACKFINNEAS and #JUSTICEFORFINNEAS all over the place.

Professor B. Flitwick's response to this has been evasive. Every time one of our reporters has approached him with a question, he appears to go underneath some sort of invisibility cloak and vanish into thin air.

Administrative response to this incident has been admirable, with several administrative members saying that they were bullied in high school, so they know exactly what it is like to be floating thousands of feet above the Earth's surface and stuck on a cloud.

As always, we will keep you updated once any new information has been uncovered. #JUSTICEFORFINNEAS.

## Candy theft sparks frat war

Aaron Chin  
Staff Writer

If you happened to see a young man covered in fake blood at "Saturday Super," there's a good chance that the blood was more real than you think.

This past weekend, while the good people of Lewisburg were trick-or-treating and the students of Bucknell were dressing up in outlandish costumes, a war was raging. Under the large nose of President John B., the seven fraternities were tearing one another apart.

Like many wars, it all started with a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup. The honorable men of Chi Phi were hard at work decorating their humble frat house when they realized that their stock of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups was low. Checking their balance sheets, they noticed that several candy bags had gone missing. There could be only one explanation: another fraternity had made off with their scrumptious chocolate-covered peanut delights.

As they interrogated

representatives of neighboring houses, the Chi Phi men encountered similarly outraged factions. Members of all seven fraternities claimed to have had candy stolen on Friday night.

No one was owning up to the theft, so everyone's hands seemed red. The fraternity men of Bucknell are men of action, and none of them could let this egregious crime go unpunished.

Complete and utter chaos ensued. Anarchy reigned. It was a dogfight among seven dog packs. While calmer students were doing keg stands at one o'clock on Saturday afternoon, the campus's male friendship groups waged fierce and bitter combat.

At first, the good men of Fiji seemed to emerge victorious. It wasn't a fair fight, as they were arrayed in their notorious "Fiji Camo" and blended into the fall colors that have spread throughout Lewisburg. Fiji moved swiftly, taking down one frat after another, using their recently polished

golf clubs to lay low any man in their way.

Unbeknownst to all, DU, who was kicked off campus a year ago, had returned this Halloween to haunt the seven fraternities as the Ghost of Christmas Past. (Yes, it's officially Christmas season as of Nov. 1. Cue the carols.)

DU, who had been underground throughout the semester, rose up from the mud and overwhelmed Fiji without breaking a sweat. It was they who had originally taken the Reese's Peanut Butter Cups from Chi Phi and the other six fraternities. They knew that the ensuing war would reduce the seven houses to a single exhausted survivor who they could easily vanquish.

All of the ensuing charges, hospital reports and casualty counts can be found on the forty-second page of the "Message Center Digest" which is conveniently sent out at 1:08 a.m. when everyone is most alert and ready to receive emails from Bucknell.

## Drunk frat guys heckle Lewisburg Minor League Dragons game

Maximus Bean  
Satire Editor

Although parties ran rampant throughout this Halloween weekend, some frat brothers thought it would be funny to heckle minor leaguers.

On Friday night, the minor-league Lewisburg Dragons faced off against the also minor-league Millville Miners. By the sixth inning, the Dragons were a few points behind, at least until a crowd of rowdy frat boys showed up.

While the frat in question remains confidential for now, what is known is that they began heckling and jeering at the players with statements like, "my grandma can hit better than you," "run Forrest run," and "your face is stupid." This, along with various obscenities directed at players' mothers, caused quite a stir in the crowd.

"Why would you say that to an 8-year-old?" spectator Louise

Burgermeister said. "I mean, they're only kids. I told myself I wouldn't start cursing in front of my kid until he was at least twice that age."

Nevertheless, the Dragons' performance seemed to improve, fostering two home runs within the next two innings. It was only at the top of the ninth that pressure mounted, with the team only a point behind the minor-league Millville Miners. As was already made clear, the frat brothers didn't care about the game, and kept shouting more and more outrageous things.

As a result, the minor league Millville Miners grew excessively distracted by the whole stunt, and their batter hit the ball directly into the rowdy crowd. However, the foul ball backfired, leading to more

noise and celebration since one of the frat guys caught it.

"Another one! Another one!" they cheered. By the fourth ball smacked over to their side, the adults finally figured out something was wrong, and cautioned them not to encourage the rowdy adults. Undeterred, more batters stepped up to the plate and smacked ball after ball, determined to either make the impact hurt, or encourage them to move away. Eventually, something happened.

The minor league Millville Miners team ended up giving one of the rowdy students a concussion, something that led to their immediate disqualification. This just shows that while these inebriated students walked in with a bottle of Hennessy, the Lewisburg Dragons walked out with hope for the future and another win added to their record.

## Sports scholarships finally paying off, Bucknell Football Team won for once

Maximus Bean  
Satire Editor

Although this week proved the trend right yet again, the week prior displayed what many thought to be an impossibility: the football team actually won a game.

Although it is no secret that the football team is performing a Sissyphean task by going up against pretty much anybody. And yet somehow, by the largest miracle of the imagination ever performed, they won against Lehigh. As a result, Bucknell was awash in celebration, especially among the faculty and staff.

"Finally," Calisthenics Professor Esther Sighs said. "I've been waiting years for this. It turns out our sports scholarships are paying off!" So far the football team is 1-7, with tens of thousands of dollars still spent on scholarship money.

However, the latest match against the Colgate University Raiders (named for the manufacturer of the Colgate brand, Dentist N. Colgate), proved ineffective. The Bucknell football team lost 13-7, and ended any hopes of a "streak" before it truly began. One could only wonder what it would be like to have a football team with a positive record.

When the Satire section sent some members onto the field to conduct interviews with the various coaches (to ask about salaries, PIN codes and mothers' maiden names), they suddenly found themselves dressed in padding and helmets and running laps around the field. As it turned out, the football team is always looking for new, able-bodied players.

When the Satire Section sent out more members to track down the members-turned-football players, we got this quote.

"YEAH! LET'S GO! FIRST WE CRUSH FORDHAM, THEN GEORGETOWN WILL FEEL OUR FURY!" Exclaimed former staff writer Hamming N. Cheesebury, who requested that this quote be made in all caps. Other former members celebrated with the rest of their newfound football family. They will be mourned, and obituaries will be sent out with the newest The Bucknellian copies. Get yours today.

Regardless of all of this football talk, there are certainly other, more impressive school sports which are worth any student's time and attention. However, to name exactly what those sports are is a task outside of my jurisdiction.

## Fully functional keg costume was a big hit at Super!

Haley Leopold  
Staff Writer

Remember Halloween? Bucknell's students have banned the national holiday from campus! Instead, they have replaced it with their own seasonal celebration — Halloween.

During last week's drunken seven-night Halloween rally, students masqueraded as celebrities, movie characters, and animals alike that didn't have any homework to complete or midterms to study for.

There is one golden rule that all observers of Halloween must abide by: you cannot repeat a costume. This meant students needed eight different costumes, wearing one new costume Sunday through Friday and two on Saturday (one for Super during the day and one for frats at night). As punishment for those who dishonored the golden rule, Card Services electronically disabled student IDs for as many days as the student failed to wear a new costume. Fear instilled within them, Bucknell's female student population contributed to over 30 percent of SHEIN's total sales for the month of October.

The costumes that students wore were directly correlated with their likability on campus; they had to be simultaneously funny, creative and just revealing enough to attract the desired amount of attention. Of all their costumes, everybody was to display their best one at Super.

This year at Super, students did not disappoint. Not only were their costumes original, but they were practical, too! The 32 girls who wore Vector costumes were able to ward off Halloween ghosts with their Despicable Me ray guns. For the 26 guys who disguised themselves as Jesus, their faux beards kept their faces warm and absorbed any beer

that had missed their mouths.

Speaking of beer, traditional kegs were replaced with festive pumpkins that were gutted by fraternity pledges and filled with Bucknell's signature lukewarm booze. When the beer supply from the pumpkins was ultimately diminished, parched students searched for another source of sketchy alcohol.

Good thing there was a student in a fully functional keg costume! Sophomore Nat E. Light was the legend who sported the look. His costume, 3D printed at the Seventh Street Makerspace, came equipped with 25 gallons of lukewarm beer that he dispensed directly into Bucknellians' mouths. Hundreds of students drinking from the same nozzle served as a bonding experience rather than a health-code violation.

Light's costume inspired a movement of alcohol-dispensing costumes that were seen on Monday, the last night of the Halloween rally. One sorority, Pi Chai Latte, collectively dressed as nurses and accessorized with plastic syringes stolen from Student Health. They filled their syringes with Fireball, dispensing shots into students' mouths throughout the night.

After Halloween came to a close, biology teaching assistants swabbed the inside of Light's keg costume straw and Pi Chai Latte's syringes and found that they both contained 16 times less bacteria per square inch than Vedder's air vents. When The Bucknellian reporters reached out to University officials regarding this statistic, they refused to provide any commentary or be quoted in this article.



# Study Abroad Opportunities for Bucknell Students

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year students from Bucknell participate in various study abroad programs in the fall and spring semesters, as well as over the summer. The University encourages students to partake in these experiences, immersing themselves into different cultures.

Programs let students "[e]xperience a new culture, learn a language and reconsider how you see the world — all while earning credits and an international perspective that'll look great on your resume," according to the Office of Global and Off Campus Education website.

The Office provides students with the tools needed to get their application to study abroad started. Through Bucknell directly are the Bucknell "In" programs. These study abroad opportunities are referred to as "In" because they are in-house programs that are run by Bucknell faculty. For a typical semester, these programs offer a group of 10-15 students that are sophomores, juniors, and seniors the opportunity to take classes from a local university in the country of their choosing while also taking one course instructed by the faculty-in-residence.

This is a major factor for these programs as students have the opportunity to still be taking some Bucknell curriculum while abroad, an option not available with other programs. All students that participate in this program have their Bucknell peers with them for the experience in a foreign country.

"It was a culminating experience allowing me to explore British culture, ecology, history and lifestyle in a learning rich environment with my peers from Bucknell," Somin Kothary '23, who participated in the Bucknell London program last semester, said.

To provide students other possibilities, there is also the opportunity to study abroad through Bucknell-approved programs run by other universities. This allows students to find the program that is right for them if Bucknell does not offer one. With over 450 approved abroad programs, students are able to have the experience they want.

"Abroad was one of the best decisions I've made at Bucknell," Allie Cooney '23 said. "The Syracuse program in Florence allowed me to fully submerge myself in Florentine culture and I took so many cool classes. It was so awesome to be able to travel around Europe with my best friends from Bucknell."

These programs also allow for students to use other universities credits and transfer them directly to Bucknell. "The classes I took abroad allowed me to enter my last semester of college with 30.25 credits so I technically only need 2 more classes next semester," Cooney said.

Exchange programs are also available to students who want to study abroad. These are programs that are sponsored by foreign universities in partnership with Bucknell. Exchange programs work by having students enroll in regular classes alongside the local full-time students in the country they're studying in.

Many times, exchange programs provide more flexibility because the universities are working in partnership with Bucknell. Bucknell exchange programs are offered in China, England and Ghana.

Bucknell also offers short-term programs that are not run through the academic year. Students in these programs will take Bucknell coursework and engage in curriculum-based field trips. These programs typically last three months and provide an opportunity for students to study abroad who did not want to leave Lewisburg for a whole semester.

One of the more unique short term programs is the Bucknell in Dublin program. This program provides students with Bucknell curriculum but also an internship. Every student that engages in the program is guaranteed to have an internship and is a way for students to work and study abroad.

Kevin Cody '23 was a student in the program this past summer and shared his experience with The Bucknellian. "I heard about the Bucknell in Dublin program from Luke Grover, a 2022 Bucknell Alumni, who attended the pilot program a few years ago," Cody said. "He explained how amazing the experience was as he was able to travel all throughout Ireland as well as other European countries."

Cody continued, "this eight-week program is an unforgettable summer experience. My favorite part of the Bucknell in Dublin program was commuting to and from work every day. It may not seem like much, but it really immersed me into the daily lives of those who live in the Dublin area. I really felt as though I was part of the Irish community and I learned a great deal about what life in Ireland is really like."

Applications to study abroad can be started as early as students' first semester at Bucknell. In order to study abroad in the fall students must have above a 2.8 GPA and above a 3.0 GPA for the Spring semester. In order to begin the application process students will need to complete the pre-application form, schedule an advising appointment and submit the final application. This process is made easier by the dedicated advisors for global studies.

Only 250 students are able to study abroad a semester so it is very limited. Students are encouraged by the Office of Global and Off Campus education to submit their applications as early as possible due to them being reviewed on a rolling basis. Students can visit the Global Education website to begin the application process to study abroad.



# THE BUCKNELLIAN *sports*

**B1** — November 4, 2022

## Men's Soccer Takes Down Holy Cross on Senior Day

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Senior Writer

Men's soccer took on Holy Cross this past weekend in their Senior Day match to celebrate their four seniors. With a mix of veteran players and underclassmen, the Bison ended the match with a 4-1 win.

The first half started slow, each team struggling to enter each other's 18. Eddie Perez-Pelaez '23 led the team with one goal and two assists on the day. Zane Domsohn '26 and Charlie Holmes '26 combined for the last three goals. The game marks the first time in three seasons that the Bison have scored four goals in a game.

Ben Sheffield '26 helped start up the first goal of the game by winning a ball in the back and then finding Collin Murphy '24. Murphy played Perez-Pelaez, who then found Holmes who played him a through ball that led to the goal. Holy Cross was quick to respond and tie the game at 1-1.

The Bison were able to find their next opportunity about 30 minutes in. Keeper Freddie Lapworth '26 played a long ball back up the field that found Domsohn at the top of the opposing team's 18. He ripped a shot that sailed past Holy Cross. Lapworth had his fair share of saves at the end of the first half as Holy Cross managed to get more attempts on goal.

In the final 10 of the match the Bison were able to get two goals to put them in a safe position ahead. Mo Tall '23 assisted Perez-Pelaez's goal to make the game 3-1. The final goal came five minutes later when Perez-Pelaez set up his teammate to score. He found Domsohn in front of the keeper, played him the ball, and Domsohn was able to find the back of the net and put the Bison up 4-1.

"Senior day is not just a special day for the seniors but for everyone as we can look back and enjoy the memories the current seniors will leave behind," Domsohn said. "They are a special group and I expect big things from every single one of them."

The men's team is now 3-12-1 in regular play and 2-5-1 in the Patriot League. The Bison look to finish the regular season strong this Wednesday night at Loyola.

"We had a lot of games this season that have not gone our way and the results show but we are determined to end the season on a high at Loyola. It is always nice to end the season with a win, and I believe we have the ability to come back from Loyola with a win for the last time this year," Domsohn said.



## Bison Football loses to Colgate in week after first win

Hugh Straine  
Staff Writer

Bucknell football was riding high after their thrilling 19-17 victory at arch rival Lehigh to improve to 1-6. This week, they hosted the Raiders of Colgate at Christy Mathewson Stadium.

The contest was off to a slow start, with the score tied at 0-0 after the first quarter and 6-0 at half in favor of Colgate. The scoring picked up in the second half with both teams getting on the board. Ultimately, Colgate inched out a victory 13-7.

Ethan Grady '25 was the starter at quarterback for the Bison, completing 10 of his 29

passing attempts for 85 yards. Alex Brown '26 also saw a few snaps, as the first-year quarterback completed two of his five passing attempts for 62 yards and rushed 11 times for 39 yards.

The Bison had two running backs get double digit carries this weekend, highlighted by Coleman Bennett '24 who rushed twelve times for a season-high 71 yards. Rushawn Baker '25 ran 13 times for 35 yards.

"I think the offensive line was clicking for me to be able

to rush for a season high of 70 yards," Bennett said. "They were opening up plenty of holes for me to run through and I can't thank them enough for that."

The Bison drop to 1-7 on the season as they prepare to take on FCS powerhouse Fordham (6-2) this Saturday at home.

"I think we are playing as a team more rather than playing as a bunch of individuals," Bennett said. "That's something I like to harp on because we need to be all in for each other."

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## Upcoming Events

### Men's Swimming and Diving

- Saturday, 11/5 @ 12 p.m.

### Women's Swimming and Diving

- Saturday, 11/5 @ 12 p.m.

### Football

- vs Forham @ 1 p.m.

### Volleyball

- vs Loyola @ 5 p.m.

### Men's Water Polo

- @Navy @ 3 p.m.

### Field Hockey

- TBD

### Women's Soccer

- Sunday, 11/6

### Men's Water Polo

- vs Wagner @ 11 a.m.
- vs Mount St. Mary's @ 2 p.m.

## Bison Field Hockey Secures Ticket to the Patriot League Tournament

Brooke Tracey  
Staff Writer

The Bison Field Hockey team closed out its regular season at home this past weekend.

On Oct. 31 the Bison faced Patriot League foe Boston University. The game also honored the team's six seniors prior to the match. The Orange and Blue fought until the end, but a final-minute goal callback resulted in a 1-2 defeat. The Bison finished the regular season with a 3-3 record in the Patriot League, which secured them a fourth-place seed in the tournament.

The Bison were eager to face off against the top-ranked Boston Terriers. Both teams came out on fire, battling to get the first goal. The Terriers were the first to do it in the first quarter, capitalizing on an opportunity just inside of the circle. Boston held the lead until four minutes into the second quarter, when Lily Neilson '25 edged a shot past the Terriers' goalkeeper, evening the score 1-1. Both teams entered halftime with a point on the board.

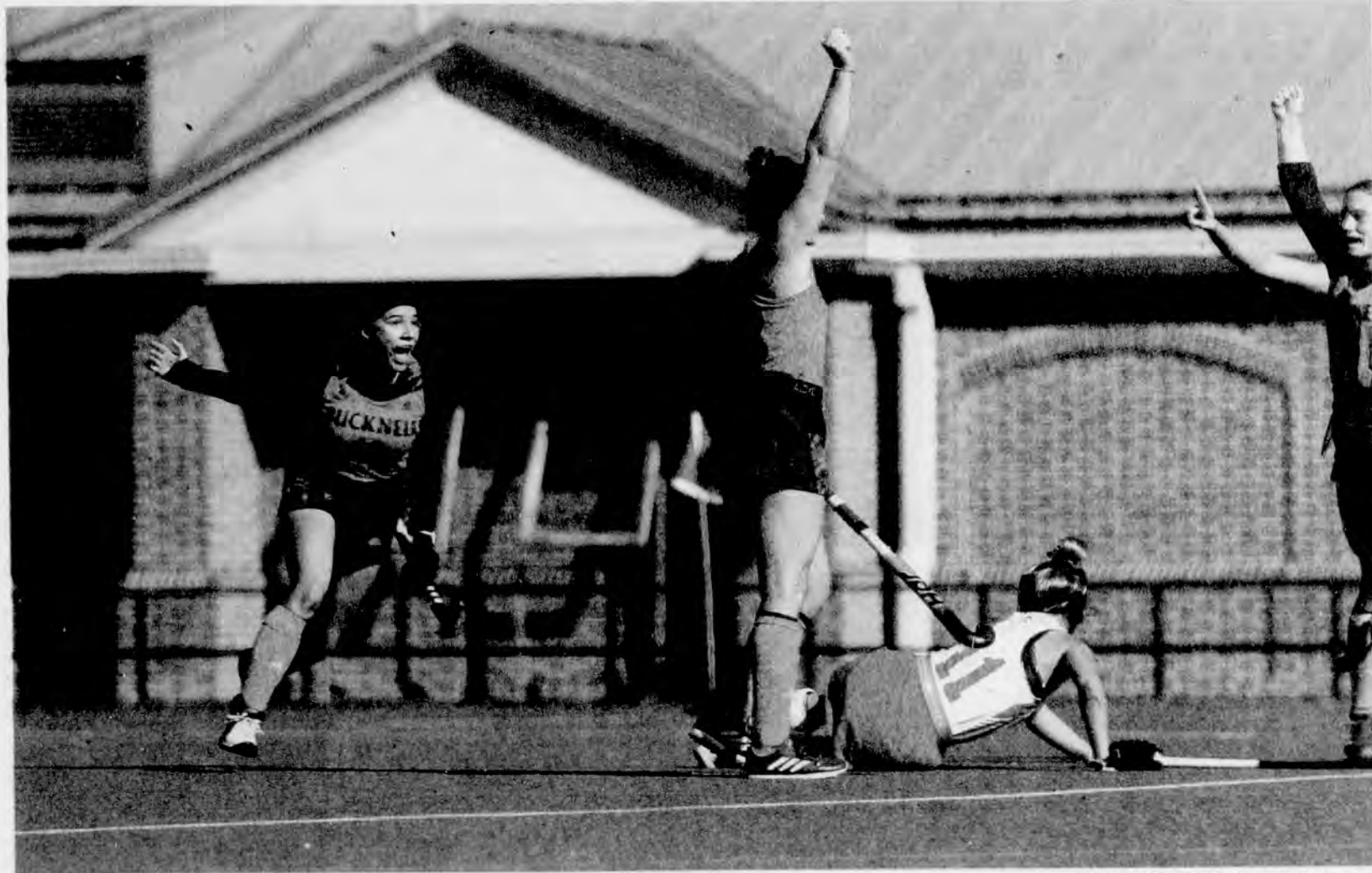
It was the second half that ultimately decided the game. The

Terriers found the back of the net again, this time off of a penalty corner. With less than five minutes left, the Bison knew they needed a goal. In the final minute of play, Neilson scored again. However, the play was later called back for being dangerous. The final minute ticked down, leaving the Bison with a questionable 2-1 loss.

With this result, the fourth-seeded Bison will face-off against these same top-seeded Terriers on Thursday, Nov. 3 in the semifinals round of the Patriot League tournament.

"We feel ready to take on BU for our first round of the tournament," Midfielder Reanne Burgess '24 said. "After playing them this past Sunday, we know that we can keep up with them and win. It will take a lot of hard work from everyone, but we are ready to fight and take on this challenge."

The Orange and Blue travel to Washington D.C. for Thursday's match, which will begin at 11 a.m. Streaming will be available through ESPN+.



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## Bucknell Men's Water Polo falls short to Fordham Rams

Jamilie Atiyeh  
Staff Writer

Bison men's water polo battled the No. 18 team Fordham in a MAWPC matchup on Saturday Oct. 29.

The Bison got on the board first with a score by Andu Vlasceanu '23 at the 5:21 mark of the first quarter. Later, the team found themselves in a 8-2 deficit in the third quarter, and they nearly managed a comeback trailing by one point (11-10) with 4:26 remaining in the game.

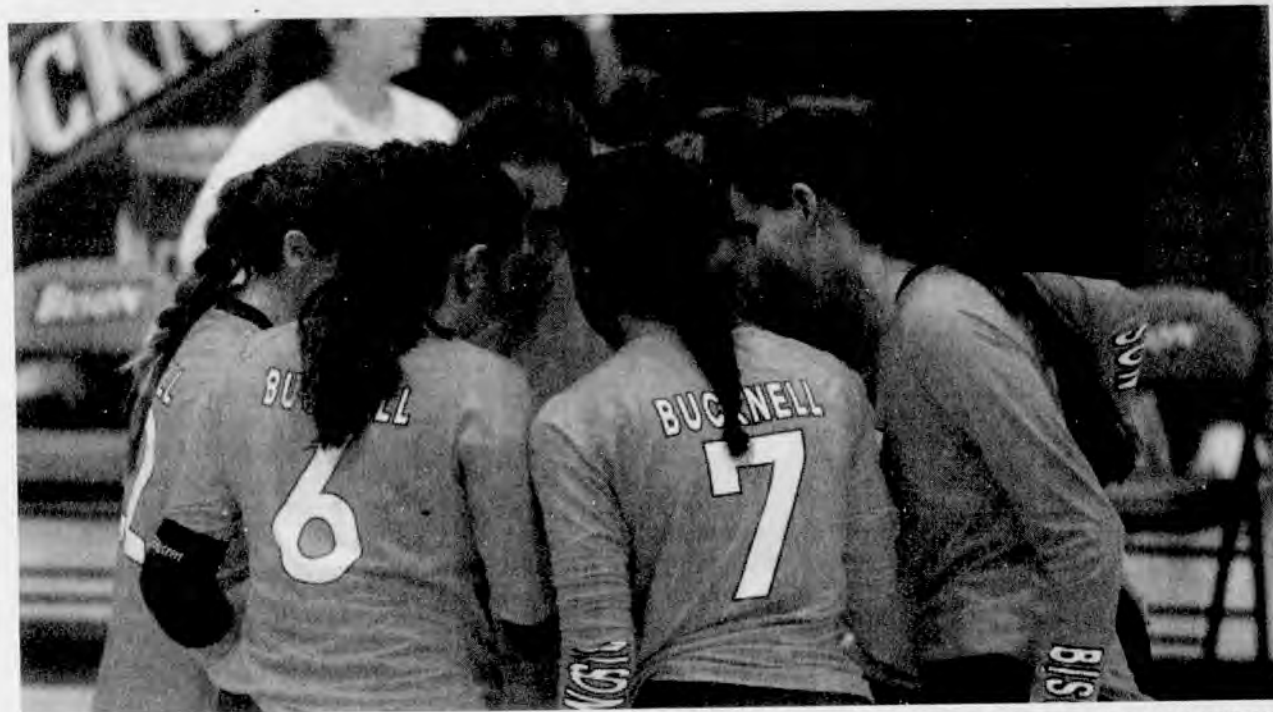
In the fourth, the Bison pulled within one goal three times. In the final minutes, both the Rams and the Bison landed two more goals in the back of the net—one from sophomore Shay Gillearn '25. Vlasceanu scored three goals throughout the game while Hasan Mogultay '25, Gillearn, and Jack Lewis '23 each scored multiple goals.

"We had a lot of bright moments later in the game

leading to the tight final score," Colby Paine '23 said.

"Coming back from a rough 2nd quarter was a challenge, but the end result makes us excited to get another chance going into the playoffs. The top of the league is all super close this year which will definitely make for an interesting ending."

The Bison will travel to Navy on Saturday before hosting Wagner and Mount St. Mary's next Sunday.



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## Bison Women's Volleyball Team Had a Challenging Weekend

Hannah Stuck  
Senior Writer

Bison Volleyball faced Patriot League opponents, Holy Cross and Colgate this past weekend. Despite the Orange and Blue fighting hard, they were unable to come up with a win.

The women started out strong in the first set, winning 25-14 against Holy Cross. The Crusaders came back in the following sets, winning the next three, thus shifting their Patriot League record to 5-7.

The Bison hit .163 in the match, with the Crusaders having the advantage in service aces 7-2. Tijana Kostic '26 had 11 kills, 10 digs and a .348 hitting percentage in the match. Bri Frazilus '26 had nine kills and nine digs throughout the match, alongside three block assists.

The Bison won the first set by a landslide, but the second set came back and forth. The Bison were ahead 12-11, but Holy Cross went on a 6-0 run that eventually made them win 25-17.

The Orange and Blue hit .087 in the third set, with Holy Cross winning 25-20. The

Crusaders had a strong fourth set, leading the entire set winning 25-20.

Jordan Hardy '25, the Bison's libero, had 22 digs throughout the match. Caleigh O'Connell '26 also finished the match with 22 assists.

In the Bison's second game of the weekend, they traveled to Hamilton, N.Y., to play Colgate. Colgate is leading the Patriot League, but the Bison still put on a good fight.

The Raiders won the first set 25-12, but the Orange and Blue came out strong in the second, winning the set. The Bison hit .294 in the second set, using two 4-0 runs to keep them in the lead.

In the third set, the Bison hit over .250. The Raiders also had a good set, having 17 kills and only three attack errors, eventually leading them to win 25-20.

The Bison and the Raiders had a very competitive fourth set, going back in fourth tying the game at 23-23. The Orange and Blue did not earn the last two points, with Colgate having two kills to make them

claim victory in the match. The Raiders improved their record to 12-1 in the Patriot League.

Hardy leads the Patriot League in digs, having 22 in the match. Sarina Singer '23 also had 18 digs throughout the match.

"This weekend we had two hard losses to Holy Cross and Colgate," Frazilus said. "Our loss against Holy Cross was tough and frustrating but sometimes you need moments like that in order to prevent that from happening again in the future."

"I know our team is better than we played in that match, and I think we had a great response to that loss when we put up a good fight against Colgate. These past couple of weeks we've hit a bit of a wall in our season but I am excited to see how our team rises to the challenge this upcoming weekend while we fight for our spot in the Patriot League Tournament," Frazilus said.

The Orange and Blue hosts American on Friday, Nov. 4 in their next match of the season.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Eddie Perez-Pelaez '23

### Profile Sport

Soccer

### Hometown

New York, N.Y.

### High School

Fordham Prep

### Position

Defender



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Caleb Wooten  
Staff Writer

The Bucknell Bison were able to rely on the experience of Eddie Perez-Pelaez '23 and company to come out with the Senior Day win against Colgate, 4-1. Perez-Pelaez contributed a timely second half goal as well as two assists.

The performance earned Eddie Patriot League Offensive Player of the Week as well as Bison of the week honors. This was the last home game of the year for the squad, and being able to end his last home game this way was extremely special for the senior.

"I hadn't really processed being a senior until we were honored for Senior Day, that's when it really started to set in—it was just a surreal feeling," Perez-Pelaez said in an email. "My parents who live in Madrid were able to come for the moment too. It was definitely one of the best moments of my career. I'm just so grateful for their and everyone else's support who made not only my Senior Day, but my entire soccer career so special."

Although their season is almost over, the senior noted how important it is for the squad to still perform.

"We have to go out there and play our style against every team. We've had to push through so much adversity this year, it's really important we finish the year strong," he said.

The team is composed of majority underclassmen and is in the first year of

a new coaching staff. The group has shown tremendous growth and adaptability this year, and looks to show that off versus conference foe Loyola.

"It's a shame that I and the other seniors won't be able to see the best form of the team when they make the playoffs, advance in the NCAA tournament, and achieve other accolades like that in future, but it's our job to help prepare the team for that future," Perez-Pelaez said. "Versus Loyola, our goal will be to end the season on a good note. They are a bit of a rival so trying to interfere with their playoff chances and seeding will help us start next season as a team. It's our goal to make sure the team has the confidence to continue playing as well. I know that we can not only compete in, but win the league."

The Orange and Blue look to execute this plan on Wednesday at 7 p.m. versus the Greyhounds in what will be their last game of the season.

### Career Stats

- 2019 Patriot League Offensive Player of the Week  
- 2019 Rookie and Bison Athlete of the Week

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# beyond the bison

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## No Moore celebrations?

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Senior Writer

Week Eight in the NFL was filled with a mixture of celebration and upsets. One of the more exciting moments came in the last minute of the Panthers vs. Falcons game. With just 20 seconds left on the clock, Panthers quarterback PJ Walker connected on a 62-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver DJ Moore. This touchdown tied the game at 34, and almost solidified the Panthers win after a long and hard fought game.

Except it didn't.

Less than 15 seconds after Moore caught the touchdown, a flag was thrown. What for? An unsportsmanlike penalty due to excessive celebration. The penalty pushed the extra point kick into a 48-yard kick, which kicker Eddy Piñeiro subsequently missed. The Falcons ended up winning the game in overtime 37-34.

The penalty was called due to Moore taking off his helmet in celebration of the touchdown. Many have pointed out the lack of thought of Moore's actions. Others

point out that, even with the penalty, Piñeiro should have made that kick, no questions asked.

But how bad was Moore's celebration, really?

The penalty exists for a good reason: Any threatening behavior, behavior intended to harm other players or obscene or offensive gestures is restricted and banned from celebrations well within reason. But taking off a helmet? Doing a dance in the endzone, performing a backflip, or doing a funny skit with

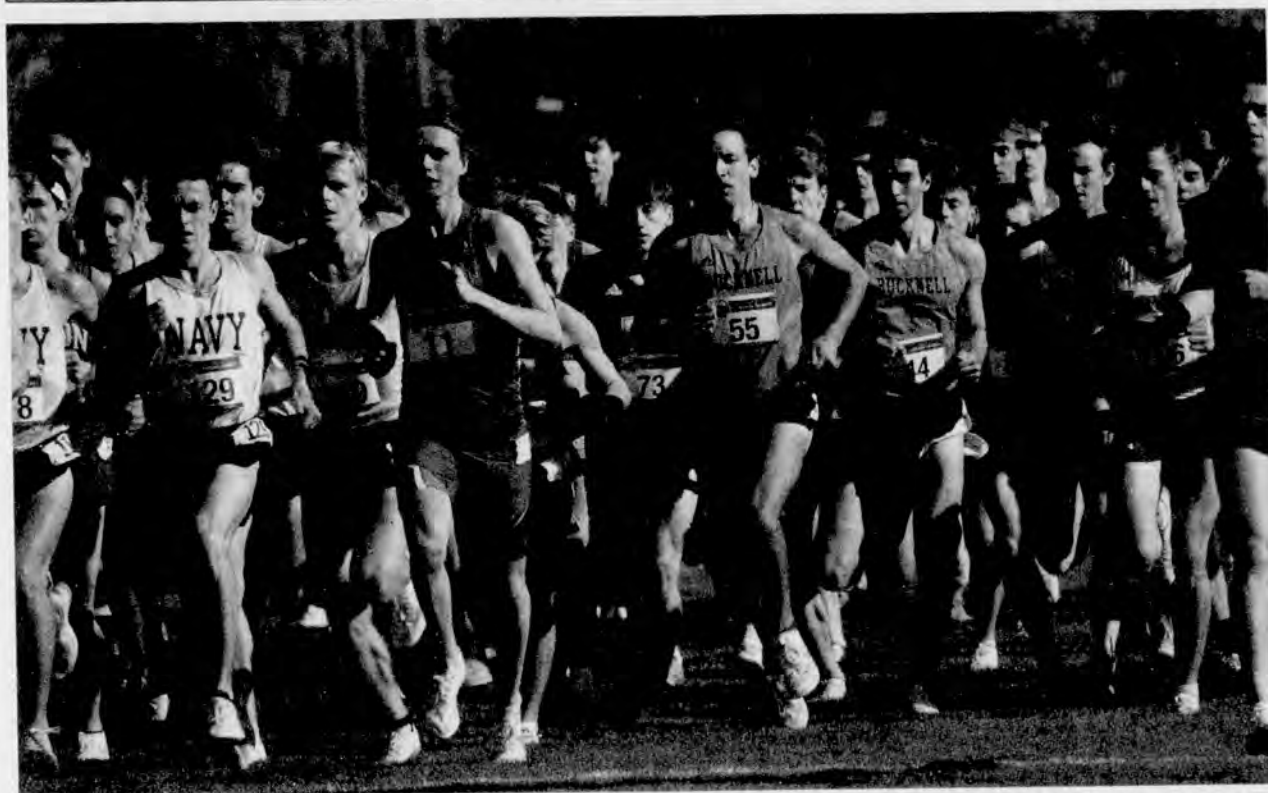
teammates? That seems pretty fair game.

When it comes down to it, there's no harm in letting players celebrate a bit and letting them have fun with the sport they've made their livelihood, especially after a game-winning touchdown pass. Both Moore and Walker arguably earned the right to celebrate.

This is to say that the penalty itself, although useful, lacks leeway regarding the context of the celebration and the game. Had Moore taken off his helmet and

began using it against the Falcons defense, then yes. A penalty would not only be warranted, but necessary. Taking it off to express some joy should not be penalized.

Anyone that preaches that Moore should have had more self control has arguably not been subjected to the full body adrenaline that comes with making a game winning play in competitive sports. As long as it is safe and non-threatening, what's the problem with having a little fun?



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## Bison Runners Compete at Patriot League Championships

Noor Kaur  
Staff Writer

The Bucknell cross country team competed in the Patriot League Championships this weekend at their home course.

Sam Whittaker '23 led the men's team again, finishing fifteenth overall with a time of 25:11.3. After a hard fight, the men placed fourth place.

Close behind Whittaker was Ben Santos '25, finishing 16th with a time of 25:16.0. Following their teammates were Bobby Lynam '25 (24th, 25:32.5), Noah Martin '23 (38th, 25:55.6) and Henry Didden '26 (47th, 26:08.5). Domenic Campagna '23 also earned a top 50 spot, finishing 49th (26:10.1).

Navy won the meet, with Army as the runner up. Also

competing for Bucknell were Christian Cadmus '24 (61st, 26:30.0), Zachary Laird '23 (65th, 26:33.1), Trent Dinant '26 (69th, 26:40.3), Jeffrey Gibbs '24 (70th, 26:43.4) and Harry Marson '25 (76th, 26:55.6).

The women also finished fifth at the Championships, with Keeley Mistuka '25 (12th, 21:33.9) and Mia Bellucci '23 (13th, 21:34.2) leading the herd together and securing All-League honors. Lauren Trapani '25 earned a top 30 finish with a time of 22:09.1.

Following their teammates were Abby Paczewski '24 (32nd, 22:18.0), Ally Clarke '24 (33rd, 22:18.9) and Caryn Rippey '26 (35th, 22:29.6). Fellow Bison runners Laura Sakol '24 (39th, 22:36.6), Kate Amaddio '23 (47th, 22:46.6), Hollie Walters '24 (49th,

22:49.3), Lauren Joyce '26 (63rd, 23:12.4), Asta Rustad '23 (64th, 23:12.7) and Meghan Smith '24 (67th, 23:27.9) also competed.

"We were a little disappointed with how our team finished this past weekend," All-League honoree Bellucci said.

"However, we are a pretty young team that's not losing many seniors, so there will be time to develop and run better next year. The atmosphere was great on Saturday with lots of parents, alumni and the entire track and field team in attendance. It was also great to see sophomore Keeley get all-league honors this past weekend."

The Bison now work towards the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships at Penn State on Nov. 11.

## Women's Soccer earns a bye to the semifinals

Lauren Medeiros  
Staff Writer

The Bucknell Women's Soccer Team faced off against Lehigh at Emmitt Field on Wednesday.

Around the thirteenth minute mark of the first half, the Mountain Hawks got lucky and scored the first goal of the game. The Bison didn't let this goal affect their play, continuing to fight hard and shoot on goal.

With 48 seconds to go in the first half, defender Meghan White '26 scored the equalizing goal for Bucknell. From roughly 45 yards out, White took the shot and a high bounce took it over the head of Lehigh's keeper. So far this season, White has earned two Patriot League Rookie of the Week Honors, and now this moment signifies her first career goal.

"It was a surreal feeling to score the tying goal," White said. "I knew that we needed to take the momentum back from Lehigh going into the second half."

The second half was filled with scoring opportunities for both teams, however, neither team was able to find the back of the net again. Overall, Bucknell ended the game with a 21-12 shot advantage and a 4-2 lead in corner kicks.

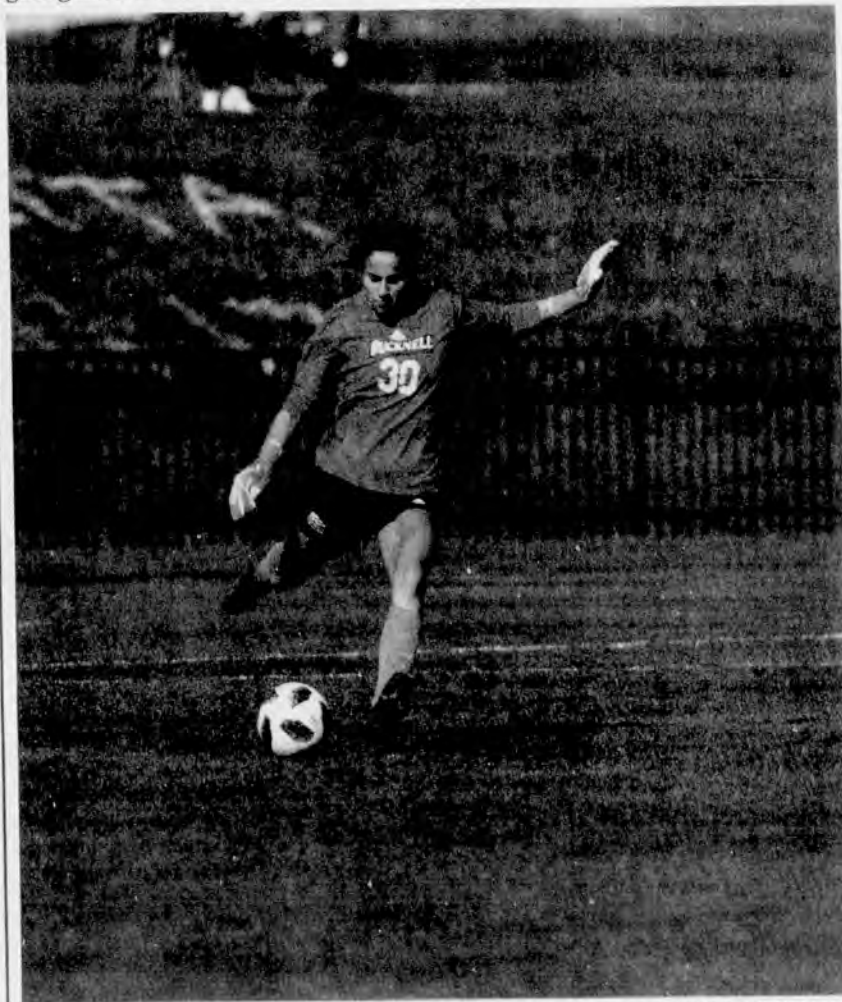
Some important game leaders were White with one goal, Abby Gearhart '23 with five shots, Paige Temple '25 with three shots and Rylee Donaldson '23 with three shots. Additionally, goalkeeper Jenna Hall '24 saved three shots that were on frame by Lehigh.

This game was crucial, helping the Bison clinch the number two seed in the Patriot League Tournament and giving them a bye to the semi-finals.

On Nov. 3, Bucknell will face off at 7:00 p.m. against Boston University. This semi-final game will be held at Emmitt Field, home of the Bison.



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## Laundry Should Be Free On Campus



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Along with food, shelter and water, clean clothes tend to be regarded as a basic life necessity. At an institution like Bucknell, where the price of admission is equivalent to the average person's entire life savings, you would think that covering students' laundry wouldn't put our school in the red.

I understand that in order to keep a school afloat, the students need to be charged for certain things. However, it is hard to feel sympathetic when the endowment has hit one billion dollars and it takes three years before you can live somewhere on campus that doesn't appear to be a glorified prison cell (perhaps I should've opened this article with a disclaimer for my dramatics).

Nevertheless, meals are another area where I feel we are being overcharged. I started out with a \$700 meal plan and after only a couple months, I had to consider adding more money; keep in mind that I buy most of my meals off campus, and my dining dollars still had to be renewed almost immediately.

If poor living situations and food insecurity wasn't enough to enrage you, I am sure the topic of laundry will be. It costs \$1.25 per load to use the washers and dryers on campus. The reason this is frustrating, aside from \$1.25 objectively being an outrageous price for one load of laundry, is because laundry is something we all have to do.

It is no secret that to the people who know me, the way I do my laundry is extra and perhaps pretentious. Allow me to explain. I separate my laundry into six different loads: white normals, white delicates, dark normals, dark delicates, towels and sheets. I know this process sounds insane, but I'm sure my fellow clothing-loving students can relate.

At any rate, the price of laundry has completely abolished my process. I simply don't have the funds to properly separate my clothing, because by the time I'm done with six loads I've spent enough money to put a down payment on a house.

But this issue extends far beyond the way I separate my laundry. I have not come across

one student who isn't frustrated, or at the very least confused, about why they have to spend so much money just for clean clothes. The price of laundry here is just one example of how Bucknell is ignorant to the financial troubles that many of our students go through.

I think it is also important to address the laundry situation for seniors living downtown. Unless they have a washer/dryer unit in-house, many students head to Wash Tubs to do their laundry. Wash Tubs makes Bucknell laundry seem like a steal, considering one wash load is \$2.25 and a dryer load is six minutes for every quarter you put in. To me, there appears to be no winning. Laundry, something every student (hopefully) does, is quickly draining our pockets.

We pay for so much on this campus in addition to the unthinkable price of admission, which causes a great deal of financial stress for a larger percentage of the student body than you may assume. Bucknell, the least you can do is let us wash our clothes for free.



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## Best Poetry Reads for November 2022

Ricky Rodríguez  
Senior Writer

Every person that has yet to immerse themselves in poetry or the literary arts needs to realize that they're missing out. Yes, traditional forms of writing we've been conditioned to believe are "real poetry" have discouraged a multitude of people from diving deep into something so special.

Not to mention, academia and writing as a whole have been gatekept by cis-white-heterosexual men and excluded marginalized writers or any writing that presented itself as a threat to the establishment. However, expectations are (slowly but surely) changing.

People are hungry. For more. For authenticity. For a big spotlight on the things they feel are too little to bring up in conversation. For the messiness. For the bold. For a sestina that doesn't shy away from the taboo and instead embraces it. For odes that do more than talk about love and show it in action. For so much more.

I've had the pleasure of being immersed within the literary arts for a while now and I want to share some of my favorite poetry collections with you all. All of these collections speak to so many truths and experiences that often aren't centered in our society; not only do these poets speak these truths boldly, but they do it so well they leave the reader wanting more.

**'Girls That Never Die' by Safia Elhillo**

This collection is so beyond gorgeous. Elhillo speaks on her experiences in a world where more than one of her identities is marginalized and highlights the tension that comes from that. Elhillo highlights (her) womanhood and the influence society, her culture and overall expectations have (had) on her life.

The thing I loved most about this collection was the fact that it was a love letter to all the amazing women in Elhillo's life — which comes across the strongest in 'Ode To My Homegirls'.

"you who scatter the world's map / piling into / cheap buses & budget airlines / four of us asleep / in my dorm bed / six of us overflowing / my studio apartment / false lashes for weeks after / like commas in every pillow case."

**'Homie' by Danez Smith**

In my opinion, Danez Smith is the SZA of poetry. When I say they're the SZA of poetry I mean they do not shy away from talking about the things so many of us are afraid to even whisper: sex(uality), generational trauma, loneliness, etc. Their work permeates, radiates and does everything else any other adjective having to do with the aforementioned do. They're so brutally honest and make space for tenderness — all the while encouraging the reader to do the same. Their identities as a Black, Queer, non-binary, HIV positive person living in a world that is nothing but cruel and dismissing of them not only fuel their writing but create space for others who know each breath they take is revolutionary.

**'Citizen Illegal' by José Olivarez**

This collection changed my life. It's almost like Olivarez took a trip to my brain, found the "little things" memory folder, and wrote poems about what he saw. Olivarez speaks on the Latinx experience so elegantly. He does not care what anybody thinks when writing about his or his family's story. Religion, class, migration, language and so many other themes build the foundation of this comforting collection. Not to mention, Olivarez has a great sense of humor. Especially when it comes to the Jesus poems.

So here are my recommendations. I hope you consider exploring the world of poetry and remember your grocery lists, the tender messages you send your best friend when they're a wreck, and every little written thing in between is poetry.

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# Political Violence, Propaganda and the Pelosis

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On Oct. 28, an individual broke into Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's home and attacked her husband, Paul Pelosi, with a hammer. The story is still developing.

Law enforcement sources have told news outlets that the alleged assailant, David Wayne DePape, was intending on attacking the speaker and had a list of other prospective targets. This is another harrowing example of the decay of American democracy as evidenced by political violence. Furthermore, it reveals how social media platforms' refusal to curtail the spread of dangerous misinformation can lead to deadly consequences for private citizens and politicians alike.

Although the investigation is ongoing, NPR reported that social media accounts attached to the alleged attacker are flooded with various posts suggesting that the election was stolen, COVID-19 is a hoax, and other anti-Semitic tropes — all three of which have been critical themes in misinformation campaigns spread by conspiracy theorist groups like QAnon and 4Chan.

Statistics paint a dismal picture that quickly debunk the notion that this is an isolated incident. The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace provided a robust body of evidence to suggest that this problem is widespread.

To name a few, threats against members of Congress

are ten times as high as they were five years ago, armed demonstrations increased 47 percent between election day and inauguration day in 2020 and white supremacist activity rose 12-fold between 2017 and 2021.

Since the attack on the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, the threat of political violence has been a popular topic. Some political leaders suggest that the problem stems from "both sides."

I disagree. As recently as 2019, William Braniff testified that "among domestic terrorists, violent far-right terrorists are by far the most numerous, lethal and criminally active... Over the last several decades, they are responsible for more... failed

plots... successful plots... pursuits of chemical or biological weapons... homicide events... and illicit financial schemes than international terrorists, including HVEs."

The Republican party has a responsibility to denounce violence and debunk misinformation which, as we have seen time and time again, leads to radicalization. But, responses to the attack on Paul Pelosi this weekend suggest that they aren't taking this issue seriously.

Donald Trump Jr. took to social media over the weekend to share memes propagating a conspiracy theory about the attack rather than condemning it. Minority leader McCarthy said nothing.

As political tides shift, fringe extremist groups sometimes wrongfully take up acts of political violence. In American politics, the normalization of this kind of behavior is irregular and irresponsible.

Republican party leadership has co-opted and amplified the messages spread by online conspiracy theorist organizations in order to achieve short-term political objectives, creating a dangerous feedback loop that leads to violence, widespread mistrust, and democratic devolution. As a contentious midterm election season nears, it is imperative that party leaders take their roles seriously and condemn violence in all forms.

## 2022 Brazil Presidential Election Struggles Through Misinformation

Caroline Hendrix  
Senior Writer

With social media being the main source of news for many these days, it is important that the news being fed to users is correct. But how can platforms regulate the astronomical amount of content that is uploaded by users daily and on a global scale?

The 2022 Brazil presidential election came to a close on Oct. 31 where former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva won against the incumbent Jair Bolsonaro. This article will describe the impact that misinformation in the media has had on the presidential election in Brazil and call on brands and governments to work towards a safer media ecosystem.

Leading up to the first round of voting on Oct. 2, a major concern on the use of the media to spread false information has been brought to light. Washington Post explains that both parties and their supporters have used major platforms like Meta and TikTok to garner support and lead support away from their opponents.

Brazilian political candidates were also able to legally run advertising across Meta and Google leading up to the election. Search terms across major platforms were leading users to largely misinformed content relating largely to election fraud and allegations about candidates. The Washington Post compares what is happening in Brazil to the U.S. 2020 Presidential election and the Jan. 6 riot that followed. Political groups have been able to use social media to plan interventions and coups.

Following Bolsonaro's loss in the second round of voting on Oct. 30, we have already seen these conversations spark action. CNN covers Bolsonaro's supporters blocking highways and talking of potential military intervention.

It is imperative that brands continue to take accountability for the impact that it can have on users, but who else? The Brazilian government needs to ensure that Brazil's voters have all the honest information present about candidates in order to make an informed voting decision, as free from bias as possible.

It can be difficult as an individual to identify what is true and what is not in the news, and government leaders should play a role in ensuring that opinions spread online by political leaders do not counter fact or undermine the legitimacy of government processes. Tribunal Superior Eleitoral has been able to grant Minister Alexandre de Moraes the power to order platforms to remove dangerous content and misinformation, says Bloomberg.

The webs of politics and social media have only gotten more and more intertwined and tangled as the years go on. Bloomberg explains that the problem goes much farther than one or two platforms. Politics is seeping its way into the top platforms while also the most unregulated parts of the internet, including video and messaging apps like Gettr, Rumble and Telegram.

Bloomberg raises an important point: as users see more regulatory measures taken

on their content, what is stopping them from shifting to other platforms that do not impose the same restrictions? Yes, major platforms like TikTok or Meta might have a much larger reach than platforms like Gettr or Telegram. But if political groups were able to develop a following from those top brands before restrictions were imposed, then it might be easy to direct that support onto a different platform.

Just as fast as social media can expose the most dangerous and misinformed ideas, it can also show the most valuable ones. This where the double-edged sword is applicable. We have seen how easy it is for people to spread misinformation and create mass support for malicious agendas, but platforms also have shown to bring people together in the best of ways.

Social media has created a global meeting place for communities to grow, to raise awareness for social justice issues across the world. How can we maximize the good aspects of these platforms and mitigate the bad?

Platforms need to stay accountable for the ideas that spread across the communities they house and need to draw a line between having a broad range of perspectives and allowing dangerous conversations to take place. They need to enforce consequences for users spreading dangerous misinformation. A double-edged sword sits at the head of a two-way street. Platforms need to be serving its users just as much as users serve them.



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# ★ BIPP 2022 Midterm Panel Discussion ★

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This past week on Nov. 1, the Bucknell Institute for Public Policy (BIPP) hosted a panel and discussion, "What We Know (and What We Don't) to Talk Through" the upcoming 2022 midterm election.

The BIPP program is headed by Professor of Political Science Chris Ellis and Associate Professor of Political Science John Doces. The panel discussion was facilitated by Ellis and featured Political Science Professors Vivien Leung and Scott Meinke. This panel provided critical insight to students, giving them an opportunity to better understand this election which most are eligible to vote in. Many aspects were highlighted including what voters could expect given previous historical trends, why things may not happen as they typically would and what seats in the House and Senate currently look like along with what the polls are projecting. The following summarizes the information that was presented.

Ellis began the discussion with his views on what the election will look like and prefaced the panel with some information on what midterms are typically like. Setting the stage for the discussion, Ellis presented reasons regarding the question, "Why do presidents lose seats in the midterms?"

History shows that a "Thermostatic Response" is common during midterms, he said. The public opinion moves opposite of the direction of policy change that has been occurring. Essentially, when people do stuff in office, public opinion moves against

it. With policy changes providing cause and vote for change within the government, Ellis said that major policy change in the past two years has actually been conservative. The overturning of Roe v. Wade in the past summer was one of the first times major policy change leaned conservative with a Democratic party in control. Due to this not lining up with historical trends, Ellis said that the upcoming midterm election may not be like ones from previous years.

This notion was similar to many of the ideas Ellis stated during a discussion he said that it was a case, he assumed that the Democrats would not do well during the midterm, and while he doesn't completely believe this will happen, he employed this thinking for his predictions and explanations.

Among his many observations were what the American public is actually focused on. He showed different displays of Google searches in America. Results showed that former President Donald Trump was more commonly searched than President Joe Biden. Following this with search trends from the past few months, he showed how there has not been a time when a past president was more commonly searched than a current one.

In terms of issues on the table, Ellis mentioned abortion. With the overturning of Roe v. Wade, abortion access and rights are no longer a theoretical debate but a real issue being voted on in this cycle. Search trends from the past few months showed that Americans looked up "W. Smith" in the spring months at extremely high rates than Roe v. Wade and abortion in the summer months.

Ellis used these search trends to discuss where the American public's head is really at and argue the point that abortion may not be a leading issue in this midterm. He said that while abortion is ultimately a deal breaker for some voters, it may not be cause enough to swing others.

Ellis began the exploration of two important topics: what people are really focused on going into this midterm election and the effects that former President Trump still has. These ideas were expanded on by Professors Leung and Meinke.

Leung contributed her thoughts from some specific state races and how the election as a whole may pan out.

In terms of Senate races, she talked about the states of Georgia, Arizona and Pennsylvania, states that could potentially swing either way.

Showing current polling stats, she said that Georgia Democratic candidate Raphael Warnock was slightly favored to win against Republican Herschel Walker. She continued to say that Walker has been a controversial candidate as he is outwardly anti-abortion but has had multiple girlfriends come forward saying he has funded their abortions.

In Arizona, she said that the independent candidate who was still in the running has backed out and endorsed Republican Blake Masters.

More specifically for Bucknell students registered to vote in Pennsylvania, Leung talked briefly about Dr. Oz and John Fetterman. She mentioned that Fetterman, who is favored to win, had a performance in the most recent debate that did not put him in great standing, but she does not see this having much of a negative affect on his outcome. She said that Democrats have been outperforming Republicans in these states and Nevada, as they are particularly worried about them potentially flipping. She highlighted the importance that spending has in an election, he said.

She said that the Senate race is really up in the air and noted that the spending she mentioned is something to track. Young voters and Democrats tend to vote early, so she said this would be something to pay attention to closer to the election. Moving to specific issues, Leung explained voters' agendas as encompassing issues such as the economy, inflation and the threat of the worst recession we've ever seen. She said that what is likely to happen will be a Republican victory in the House, yet the margin of that victory is something we will only be able to see after the election.

She also talked for a short period about Trump. A component in this election mentioned first by Ellis, Leung said that Trump endorsements are a double-edged sword. Many Republicans now are not Trump fans, and therefore his presence and endorsements have been controversial.

Following Leung, Meinke shared his similar perspective. Speaking on the House first, he agreed that Republicans will take a victory there but went on to share the reasoning behind differences between this year's midterm and previous elections. He said that in past midterm elections from 1994 and 2010, there were Democrats sitting in dozens of House seats that could lean Republican. In this cycle, many of those seats are already taken by Republicans, and there is not as much opportunity for this. Only five Democrats are sitting in Trump region seats. Meinke continued saying that while Republicans are still likely to take the House, it will most likely not be a big wave election turnover as we have seen in the past.

With all three professors agreeing on the high possibility of Republicans winning the House race, Meinke talked about what to expect when you're expecting a GOP House majority to close the discussion with the following key points:

- Attempt to use the appropriations process and statutory debt ceiling to force policy concessions from the Biden administration
- Investigate various administrative policies ranging from the Afghanistan pullout to Hunter Biden using special committees
- Republican attempts for passage of Commitment to America agenda item
- Internal fights in the House Republican Conference
- On the Senate side, nominations at standstill





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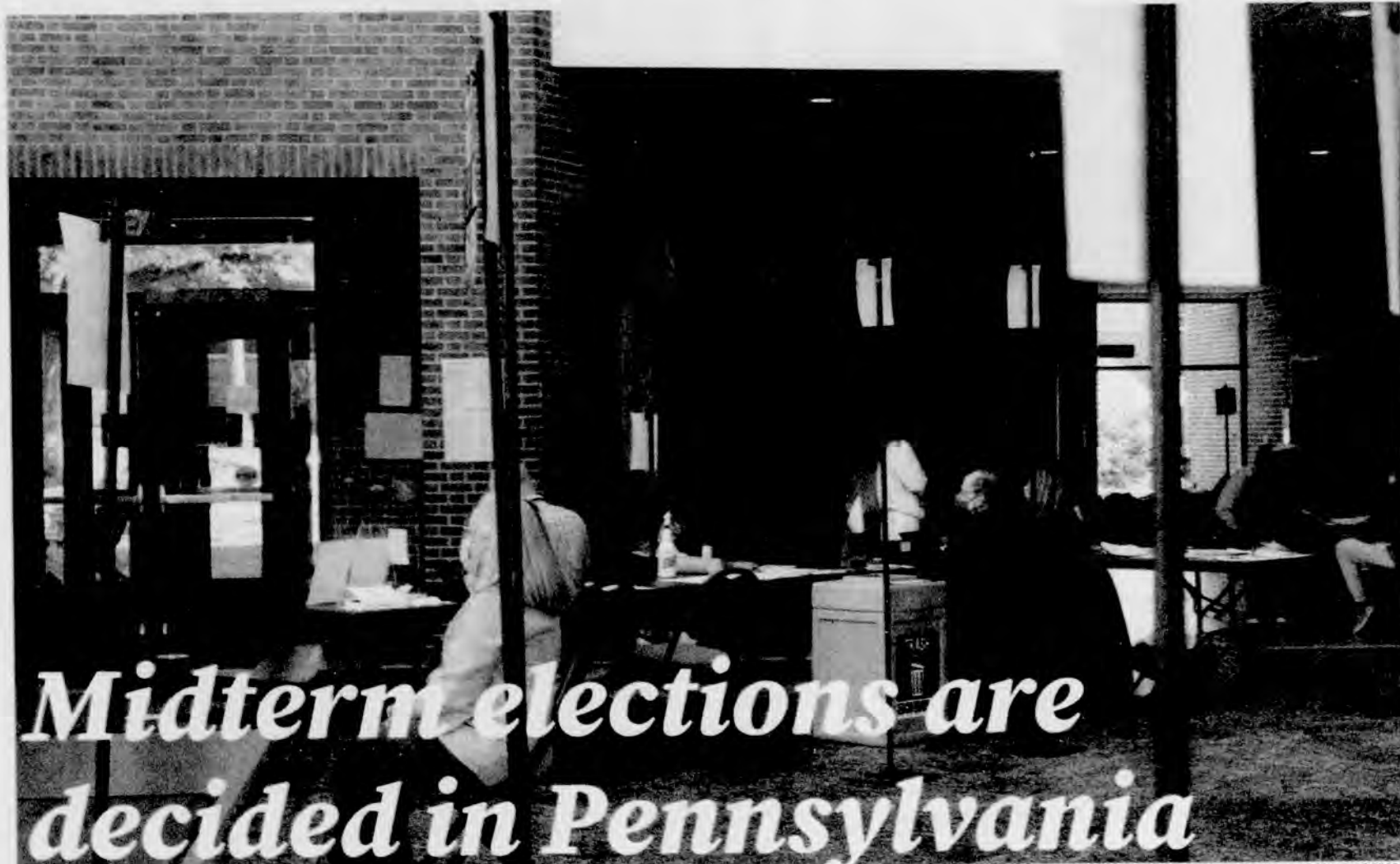
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In the days leading up to Nov. 8, the anticipation about the impending election was palpable on Bucknell's campus.

The 2022 midterm elections consisted of more than one neck-in-neck race between Republican and Democratic candidates, and students geared up to cast their votes under their Bucknell addresses. Many Bucknell students who come from states such as New York, New Jersey and Connecticut often opt to vote in Pennsylvania rather than to vote via absentee ballots in their home states — the prospective results of Pennsylvania elections are often more uncertain than in other states.

John Fetterman won the United States Senate seat in Pennsylvania after a competitive race against Mehmet Oz. Fetterman won by about 3.5 percent of votes after a difficult campaigning experience. Fetterman suffered a stroke

earlier this year, and was often only able to appear at campaign events via video calls.

Last month, Fetterman demonstrated his capability to hold office with a doctor's note and a strong returning presence on his campaign. His election is a massive win for Democrats, flipping a previously red seat blue.

"We jammed them up," Fetterman said, following the announcement of his win against Trump-endorsed Oz. "We held the line ... I never expected that we were going to turn these red counties blue, but we did what we needed to do."

Not all Bucknell students were celebrating the Democrat takeover of Pennsylvania's senate seat.

"I was very disappointed with the election results," Emma Wojcik '24, a Political Science major, said. "While I do think Fetterman has justifiable claims, I do not think he is the best source of output for the state of Pennsylvania. He makes assumptions and says he is going to

implement policies with little evidence behind them."

Democrats experienced another win in Pennsylvania in the race for governor. Democrat candidate Josh Shapiro defeated Republican candidate Doug Mastriano.

A large issue of contention between the two candidates was the topic of abortion, as Mastriano advocated for removing the right to abortion in Pennsylvania in addition to criminally charging women who have abortions, while Shapiro advertised that he would protect Pennsylvania's current abortion laws that allow the procedure to be legally carried out until a pregnancy reaches 23 weeks.

"We showed in this campaign that no matter what you look like, where you come from, who you love, or who you pray to, you are valued here in Pennsylvania and we hear you," Shapiro said. "Tonight, you, the good people of Pennsylvania, you won. Opportunity won. A woman's right to choose won."

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As for the U.S. House of Representatives, Democrats and Republicans both claimed eight seats. Pennsylvania's status as a swing state means that Bucknell students' votes, which are traditionally more liberal than conservative, can have a major impact on election results.

"While I am really excited that Pa. has put in place a leader who will affirm fundamental human rights such as abortion, I am frustrated that Union country still went red with only a difference of 3,000 votes," Maya Wadwha '23 said. "I know that across the nation, Gen Z voters showed up to the polls in droves, swaying the results for many pivotal elections. I feel as though the Bucknell and Lewisburg communities could have been more decisive in closing the small margin in Union county."

The right to vote is one of the most sought-after rights in the world. Bucknell students who voted, no matter who they cast their ballot for, can applaud themselves for utilizing a right that we have the privilege to exercise.

## BSG hosts Caf sit event for seniors in memory of first year tradition

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An event dubbed the "Senior Caf Sit" was hosted in the Bostwick Dining Hall for the class of 2023 on Nov. 8.

Prior to Covid-19, the dining hall was open until 1 a.m. and had breakfast sandwiches and late-night snacks available anytime after 10 p.m. The senior class is the only grade currently at Bucknell that experienced these late-night dining hours.

This event was conceived by seniors Andrew Finegan, Taylor Armstrong and Nabeel Jan.

"Andrew Finegan (2023 VP), Taylor Armstrong (2023 Secretary/Treasurer), and I were looking into what we could do for our fall unity event, which is a BSG-sponsored event that helps each class year bond as a whole outside of any groups or affiliations they have on

campus," Jan, the senior class president, wrote in a class-wide email. "We remembered how as first-years we had late-night breakfast sandwiches at the caf and contacted Angie Cimino from dining services to begin planning potential dates and to get a rough estimate on costs."

Katie Miller '23 attended the Senior Caf Sit and shared her thoughts on the experience.

"The senior caf sit was one of my favorite events that Bucknell has hosted," Miller said. "The cafe freshman year is where I met so many people in my grade. To me, freshman year was a safe space where I knew the majority of the people there were freshmen, so I felt comfortable going up to a table and introducing myself."

Miller added, "it was so special to all be back there together as a grade and I am so grateful for Nabeel and everyone who helped organize this event. I would love to see more of these

events occur throughout the year as I think it was a great reunion for hallmates, classmates, and the entire grade."

"This event meant a lot to us because it brought a large group of seniors together into one space that they hadn't shared since the Fall of 2019 and Winter of 2020," Jan said.

"Since our first year was cut short, we were never really able to say goodbye to the caf and that space, and this was a great opportunity to do just that. It was really heartwarming to see the big turnout, and even better to see seniors sitting with their friends from 4 years ago."

Jan added, "we want to thank Angie and the Cafeteria team for their incredible work, and I'd really like to highlight how much work Taylor in particular did for this event."

The Senior Caf Sit was a memorable experience for all in attendance and an ode to a freshman year cut short.

## Women are leading social movements across Iran

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News Editor

Protests in Iran have gained traction across the globe for the past three months, and women are on the frontline.

Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old, was tortured and killed at the hands of the Iranian Morality Police on Sept. 16. The Morality Police is a sector of the Iranian Law Enforcement Forces designed to arrest women who do not follow the country's strict guidelines for traditional Islamic dress code.

Amini was targeted because her hijab was worn too loosely, exposing a strand of hair.

Amini has become the face of female resistance in Iran, women who are taking to the streets to burn their hijabs, cut their hair and surrender their complicity with the authoritarian's repressive nature.

"There have been various points of civil unrest in recent years, most notably in 2017, 2018 and 2019, but this is the biggest round of protests by far," AP Howell '24, an international relations major, said. "Young women from all over the state, from all walks of life are fed up with mandatory veiling, and many men as well have begun to follow suit in defending women's rights to choose their own form of modesty as it relates to their religious beliefs."

And it's not just women. Men have joined hand-in-hand in support, rallying for the end of the regime and the death of dictator Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The call for change has stretched widely to resist many aspects of the regime, including human rights violations against Kurds and Kurdistan provinces.

Iranian officials have responded with violent push-back, arresting, tear gassing and shooting at protestors in participation. The Iranian government has denied allegations

of the militant response, and have falsely pinned Amini's death on her history of health conditions.

As the death toll climbs, the government has cut off access to the internet and VPNs to contain information and obstruct the reality of the situation from onlookers around the world.

"What this might mean in the long run, I am afraid I am unable to predict. My hope, however, is that the noise young working class men and women have been able to make in recent years will spread throughout the world so that the greater international community will know what they are being put through and the Iranian government will be forced into a regime change," Howell said.

But the movement is trickling from the hem, stretching far beyond Iranian borders.

In the United States and Europe, protestors gather to rally in solidarity with the women of Iran. The Biden Administration has voiced its support for the movement, and have imposed sanctions on entities of the Iranian government for the maltreatment of protestors.

The European Union has also imposed sanctions on Iran and has demanded total transparency on part of the regime. UN Secretary-General António Guterres has also condemned the human rights violations, calling for an end to the "unnecessary or disproportionate force" and for an investigation on Amini's death.

The women of Iran remain resilient in the face of terror and violence. Their persistence sets an inspiring precedent for women across the Middle East. In past generations, men have been the cause of political revolution. In 2022, it is the women of Iran who stand courageously in the wake of a violent regime, and their legacies will be felt for the generations to come.



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# breaking the bubble

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## DOMESTIC

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, officials confirmed a single winner of the \$2.04 billion Powerball jackpot, the largest lottery prize in history. The winning ticket was sold in Altadena, Calif. The winning numbers were 10-33-41-47-56 and the Powerball was 10. The jackpot set a record for the largest lottery ever last Saturday, surpassing the previous largest jackpot of \$1.586 billion. The jackpot had been growing since Aug. 3. The odds of winning the full sum were one in 292.2 million.

The Houston Astros won the World Series with a score of 4-2 against the Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday, Nov. 5, prompting the largest payout in the history of legal sports betting. Jim McIngvale, also known as "Mattress Mack", last year about a promotion he was having at his furniture store: customers who buy mattresses over \$3000 will get their money back if the Astros win. McIngvale told FOX 26 that most of the money he won will be used to pay out the customers who had gone through with the deal.

On Oct. 31 the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ordered that mail-in ballots with missing or incorrect dates will not be counted in the General Election vote. This order concerned many voters because it did not define what counts as an incorrect date, and this could lead thousands of legal votes to be rendered ineffective. Five days later the state Supreme Court issued another order to define an incorrect date: Mail-in ballots are to be rejected in this election if the handwritten dates fall before Sept. 19, 2022, or after Nov. 8 (Election Day), and absentee ballots are to be rejected if they are dated before Aug. 30, 2022, or after Nov. 8. Any date that falls within this range will be counted in the vote.

## INTERNATIONAL

Jordan Bardella is replacing Marine Le Pen as the leader of France's far-right political party National Rally (RN). Former leader, Le Pen, chooses to advance her role for the party in parliament. This change does not signify a new political route for RN, and Le Pen is still the likely candidate in the 2027 presidential election. This is the first time that a Le Pen family member has not been the leader of RN in 50 years. Bardella grew up in Paresian suburbs and joined the far-right as a teenager. He played a crucial role in the National Rally's 2019 European election campaign. RN hopes that the new face can soften the party's image and attract younger voters.

After three years of intense pandemic restrictions, Chinese leaders are now looking to reopen due to concerns about the policy's snowballing negative economic impact. China's policies include lockdowns of provinces, frequent PCR testing and quarantine for travelers which have led to a major decline of Chinese business activity. These negative impacts of pandemic policy are currently being weighed against the possible costs of reopening, specifically the public health cost. Officials are staying vigilant as small steps are being taken to reopen, and with no rollout timeline the global financial market is left guessing.

The 27th climate gathering, COP27, took place in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt last week and is projected to be less ambitious and less productive than last year's meeting in Glasgow. The goal of the meeting is to focus on implementing earlier climate promises, but many participating countries have energy crises following the war in Ukraine. The war has increased the use of fossil fuels and impacted global energy markets. The demand for coal is growing in Europe where Russia has restricted access to fossil fuels, and in places where the demand for power is growing like in China and India. While countries will be spending more to address climate change, these issues are projected to greatly hinder the progress of climate agreements this year.

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## Bucknell hosts a poetry and fiction reading night

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Bucknell hosted a poetry and fiction reading in Bucknell Hall at 7 p.m. on Nov. 8.

This reading featured Stadler Fellows Jessica Ram and Alberto Reyes Morgan. Ram is this year's Stadler Fellow in Literary Arts Administration, and Morgan is the Fall 2022 Philip Roth Resident in Creative Writing.

Ram was the first author to start the talk and explained to the audience that she would be sharing some pieces from her thesis that she wrote in graduate school as well as new pieces on which she is currently working.

The first piece she read aloud was "In the Other Universe." The second poem she read was "Manic Episode." Next, she read a newer poem she had been working on with a distinct prose. It was a poem about the ocean called "Amish to the Sea."

After these poems, Ram shared a poem with the audience from her chat book. The poem was entitled "Miss You," which is about a friend of hers who died while she was in undergrad. One of the lines from the poem was "miss you and would like to take a walk with you," clearly referring to the emotional and grief-filled heart-

break of losing a friend. She then read a poem based off of the Costar app, an astrology app, called "Your Heart is a Slippery Fish," and many others.

On Nov. 4, Morgan visited an Advanced Fiction Workshop class taught by Professor Robert Rosenberg, where they discussed a piece of his entitled "Salt," which was published in the Michigan Quarterly Review and has since been anthologized.

He shared with the class some of his techniques to include in their own writings such as using dialogue that has rhythm, creating fully fleshed out characters that are alive within the text and to think about the audience where you are from. He has taught creative writing in Ethiopia and Spain and enjoys traveling and music. He is from the Mexicali-Imperial Valley border region, and much of his work employs both Spanish and English.

Morgan shared some pieces he wrote during the talk entitled "Farina," and "Tomatillo," which use strong descriptive language such as "open eyes staring."

Haley Griffin '23 attended her first poetry talk held in person at Bucknell.

"I really enjoyed coming to the talk with Jessica and Alberto. It was great to hear them read their works out loud," she said.

## Sergio Ramírez visits Bucknell for lecture on journalism

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Prolific Nicaraguan writer and former Vice President of Nicaragua Sergio Ramírez Mercado visited campus on Nov. 9, delivering a lecture on the value of journalism and the fight against authoritarianism—two topics that resonate deeply with his own career.

Ramírez was introduced by Bucknell Assistant Professor of Studio Art Eddy Lopez, who gave a brief description of Ramírez's work and career throughout the Sandinista Revolution in Nicaragua, summarizing his role as the Vice President as well as his extensive career as a novelist.

Lopez highlighted Ramírez's most recent publication "Tongolele no Sabia Bailar" and how it resulted in his political exile from Nicaragua within recent years.

The lecture began with a question from Ramírez: is it possible to mix two jobs—that of the writer and that of the politician?

He then proceeded to answer his own question, saying that for himself, he must consult his own life and experience. Widely seen as Nicaragua's most widely known writer despite various attempts to censor his works, Ramírez emphasized that the role of a journalist or a writer, whether in the safest or most dangerous of political or social circumstances, is not that of a missionary, but that of a person with a civic duty to write the

truth of their nation and that nation's people.

This message was followed by a comparison between "private" and "public" life, the latter of which Ramírez described as the image of a nation and a general pulse on its wellbeing, with the former being the area in which journalists and novelists investigate and are able to portray the truth through.

He stressed the importance of understanding people and individual stories, and as he described it, representing the "lowercase stories in the capital 'H' history."

The lecture concluded in a bilingual Q&A session, where Ramírez fielded questions from both students and faculty in Spanish and English alike.

When asked why Ramírez felt discussions of this type were important at places like universities, he said "the academic community is a place to form ideas," furthering the notion that presentations such as the one he gave are simply a starting point for individuals to go out into the world and take action with.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics Ivan Velasquez also was asked for comment on why he felt the event was important to Bucknell.

"It is important to understand the globe through people who were involved directly and within their own country," Ramírez said. "It's important for students at Bucknell to have the Latin American perspective when thinking about these [political] issues."

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## Bucknell increases employee benefits for Thanksgiving Break

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President Bravman has said one of his goals is to make the University an attractive and competitive place of employment.

His efforts to increase employee benefits will now include instating time off for the entire week of Thanksgiving break in response to a well-received decision to allow employees two weeks off for winter recess around the end of December through New Year's.

Bucknell provides time off for eight holidays, including Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Bucknell staff also receive a floating holiday at the beginning of each year to take at their discretion.

Exempt, full-time employees receive an average of 1.83 days off per month, which equates to 22 days of paid vacation over the course of a calendar year. Non-exempt staff are given 10 days off per one year of service for the first five years of employment.

Both President Bravman and Nicole Whitehead, vice president of human resources, underscore the integral role mental health plays in work-life balance and employee success and happiness.

"We know mental health and wellness is critically important to both our employees and within the workplace today," Nicole Whitehead, vice president of Human Resources, said. "We're going to continue looking for other creative ways in which we can aid our employees in their work-life balance."

"This pilot program, recommended in collaboration with the Office of Human Resources, recognizes the importance of mental health and wellness, allowing us to enjoy more time with family and return to our

campus duties refreshed and recharged," President Bravman wrote in an email to Bucknell employees.

Bravman also wrote about the importance of listening to employees' wants and needs; after announcing the installment of a two-week break, Bravman said he wanted to expand it "because [the employees] deserve it."

He wrote about the importance of maintaining competitive benefits to "further distinguish Bucknell from other area employers" in order to continue to attract highly-qualified and talented professionals and employees.

"To ensure our future, we must ensure that Bucknell is a place where talented, dedicated people want to work," Bravman said. "We believe that expanding upon benefits that employees truly value is a strategic investment that will pay off for generations of students to come."

Bravman also included in his email that employees will be receiving their normal premium pay rate as well as "alternate 'flexible holiday' time or equivalent floating hours for actual time worked, including on Thanksgiving Break."

Additionally, Bucknell and Bravman continue to uphold employment at the University's most attractive benefit, which are the tuition programs for children of full-time faculty and staff. Employees with 10 years or more of service are granted up to 60 percent of the admitted student's tuition at Bucknell or institution of choice, and employees can also include years of service at another institution of higher education in order to accrue this benefit.

Bucknell also offers reduced tuition for regular full-time and part time staff, full-time casual employees who have limited benefits, as well as for the children and spouses or spousal equivalents of regular full-time employees.

## 10 years ago in The Bucknellian: Editorial: Students show strong involvement and interest in the election

When the MSNBC video came out in early September showing University students to be apathetic and ignorant regarding the newly passed voter ID laws in the state of Pennsylvania, no one was more disappointed in our student body than The Bucknellian staff.

After printing multiple articles related to the voter ID expiration date issue, we were dismayed to find out that students didn't seem to care about this piece of news that could directly affect them and require them to take action. Our

faith in the campus' political involvement was diminished.

As this week's election continued to approach though, we were excited to see student interest and involvement in the election skyrocket, something the video had caused us to doubt. Bucknell Student Government (BSG) ran a campaign imploring students to register to vote, providing them with the opportunity to register in the LC mall at their convenience. With this initiative, we believe many students registered to vote and

followed through on election day who may not have done so without BSG's encouragement and efforts.

Beyond simply giving students a convenient registration and voting location, the campus came together to provide resources for students to learn more about the parties, their candidates and their stances on different issues.

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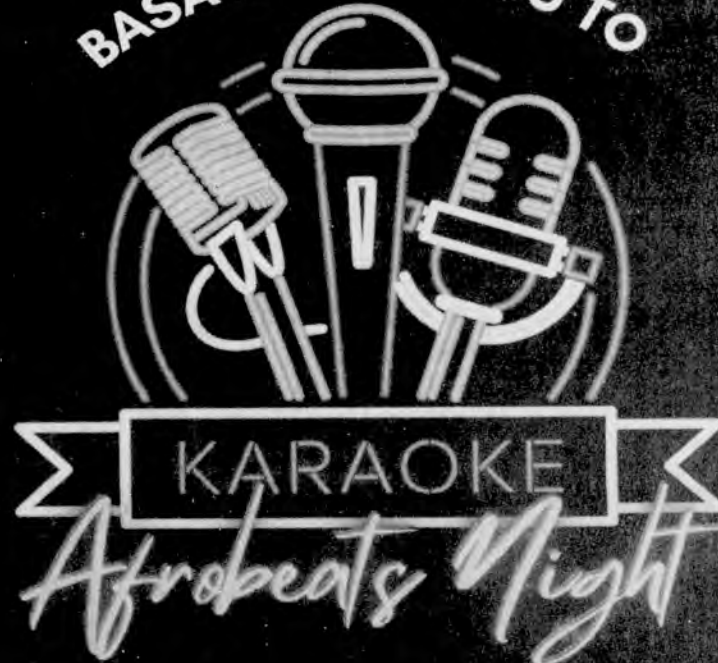
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## Cafsgiving Overflow forces students into Samek Museum

Hayley Leopold  
Staff Writer

After waiting outside the ELC for over two hours, first-year student Stu Fingh had finally reached the front of the Cafsgiving line.

It was finally his time to utilize the unlimited meal swipes that Bucknell forced him to purchase! To Stu's dismay, he was stopped at the entrance by two V2 chefs standing guard. Armed with frying pans, they exhibited their impressive karate-esque maneuvers to maintain their blockade.

The on-duty caf workers claimed Bostwick had "reached maximum capacity", so they redirected Stu towards the Samek Museum. He begrudgingly trudged up the stairs to the deserted third floor of the ELC, which he didn't even know existed before this past Thursday. Stu's experience, although tragic, was not unique.

Hundreds of Cafsgiving hopefuls were forced to retrieve their meals from a few measly trays that were placed in the Samek Museum to accommodate for the anticipated overflow.

Furious students vandalized Samek's most prized exhibitions in protest. Stu repurposed his mashed potatoes to fashion stylish wigs on the figures in Pontormo's Cupid and Apollo. Not satisfied with this alone, he then ate all of the apples from Atong Atem's Fruit of the Earth display.

While many students like Stu expressed their rage in the form of destruction, others felt inspired by their artistic surroundings. One such student was junior Bo Stwick. When Bo glanced down at the Picasso that he was using as a plate, he was moved by the painting's glorious designs. Wiping off his spilled gravy, Bo examined the brushstrokes and mimicked the motions with his fork.

Students removed Samek's paintings until all the walls were bare. Those suffering from severe debt after losing the \$18.50 they spent on their Cafsgiving entry brought home stolen works to anonymously resell on YikYak. Others, utilizing the newly-blank walls, added their very own abstract art to the museum's galleries.

The student-created art pieces were equally creative as they were delicious! Traditional paint and paintbrushes were replaced by leftover turkey bones dipped in tomato soup. To embellish their works, students decorated the walls with vibrant mixed peas and carrots.

The clock struck 10 p.m. — Cafsgiving had officially come to a close. Make sure to stop by the Samek Museum sometime this week to check out the gallery's newest additions.

## Food Fight Breaks Out During Cafsgiving

Kieran Calderwood  
Contributing Writer

The line was long for Cafsgiving every year, but this year the notorious line stretched down the ELC stairs, out the double doors, across the intersection and into the Seventh Street Café.

Near the end of the line, exhausted students were ordering coffee at Seventh Street to stay awake while waiting for the famous Cafsgiving dinner.

By the time students crawled through the entrance to the caf and handed their ID cards to "assistant director of resident dining" Bryan Hafer, they could barely muster the strength to lift a dinner plate.

Students who had waited hours to get in were dismayed to find that the line continued once they were inside. Some became irritable. One student, a member of the cross country team, could contain his annoyance no longer and launched a forkful of mashed potatoes toward the front of the line, where it was received by the left shoulder of an offensive tackle on the football team.

This large man, already seething at his team's awful record (1-8 — Oof), became enraged. His roar was heard from the senior apartments. He scooped gravy from his plate and smeared it into the hair of the student behind him, who in turn flung a buttered sweet potato across the room, where it splattered several female students.

The food fight was more contagious than Covid-19. Every student at Cafsgiving joined in the melee. With tensions high, decorum

vanished. In mere minutes the walls and floors of the beautiful dining hall were plastered with Thanksgiving favorites.

Adrian, or as he's known by most students: "Post Malone," tried desperately to restore order. Standing on a round table, the omelet-maker shouted paeans to love, serenity and the true meaning of giving thanks. The students gave thanks for his enchantingly poetic speech with a rain of gravy and stuffing that soon caked his luxuriant beard.

When frantic messengers brought news of the brawl to President Bravman, he marched from his \$7,000,000 McMansion past the line of students, some of whom had passed out from hunger, and bravely breached the caf doors.

Whatever grand plan he had of calming the crowd was obliterated when his face encountered a large slice of pumpkin pie thrown by a blonde Kappa girl. Whipped cream dripped down his \$5,000 Armani suit, for once marring the timeless look that the president manages to pull off day after day.

Eventually, Public Safety showed up at the scene and several arrests were made. President Bravman was rescued from under a mountain of mashed potatoes and turkey breasts, apparently unscathed. By the time the sun had risen over Bucknell's campus the next morning, normalcy had returned to the dining hall, and students could once again purchase microwaved food that had been in cold storage since 1824.

## Townies Surrender against Holiday Season, Play Mariah Carey

Aaron Chin  
Senior Writer

It's an age-old debate: Should we start to play Christmas music right after Halloween or wait until after Thanksgiving?

If you ask me, I think that we should play Halloween music all year round, as there is nothing quite like listening to "Spooky Scary Skeletons" while laying on a lounge chair outside of your private beach house in Malibu in mid-July.

But that's just me. Most people, sadly, don't want to listen to "This is Halloween" or "Thriller," all year round. Some people love the holiday season and just can't wait to get it started, even if that means getting it started right on Nov. 1.

Historically, the townies here in Lewisburg have been resistant to the holiday spirit. Last year, we interviewed several

townsfolk and found that the majority of people were firm believers in waiting until after Thanksgiving for holiday music, and 22 percent believed in not listening to holiday music at all. So we decided to run an experiment to see if their behavior would change.

As a part of our study, we installed hidden speakers in several townspeople's houses. Beginning on December 26th, 2021, we started to play Mariah Carey's hit song "All I Want for Christmas is You," at an audible level that the human ear could barely even hear.

We kept the song playing constantly, attempting to engrain it in people's minds, as they would hear it all the time (when they're sleeping, cooking, reading, etc...). Each day, we increased

the volume of the song. The findings were interesting, to say the least.

One month after the experiment's start, people reported hearing random humming of "All I Want for Christmas is You." A month after that, people reported having dreams of watching Mariah Carey perform. Two months after that, people dreamed that they were performing with Mariah Carey, and a month later, they dreamed that they were Mariah Carey.

During the month of July, people reported singing "All I Want for Christmas is You" in their sleep.

Needless to say, on Nov. 1, 2022 at midnight, all of the Halloween music stopped, and the very loud voice of Mariah Carey filled the streets of Lewisburg.

## Students' Class Selections Ruined by Previous Students' Class Selections

AJ Lawrence  
Senior Writer

We've made it Bucknellians! Just a few more weeks until the end of the semester and then we're home free for winter break. Professors may be turning up the heat despite the cold weather with major projects and final exams coming up, but one stress-inducing event has already passed.

You know the one, where you have 20+ tabs open on your computer and are constantly questioning your chosen major. That's right, course registration is finally over!

Can you name one student who likes course registration? Probably not because other than exams and group projects, registering for classes always seems to cause chaos for students.

Starting weeks before the actual date, students have to schedule meetings with advisors and other professors to see what will work, major and time wise. Most students wouldn't even meet with their advisors if it weren't for the fact that there's no other way to get their registration pin.

Then they have to spend hours on end creating registration plans on Plan Ahead, searching for their desired classes and hoping they fit together in neat little schedules just to make registration easier the day of.

Shout out to all the students that don't even want to touch Plan Ahead so they wait until the day before or morning of their registration slot to make their plans. It's a risky move, but we respect it.

But then, finally, the end is near and it's actually time to register. No matter what time slot someone has, if they're in class or not, anyone up to register will pull out their laptops and wait with baited breath for the moment they can submit their plan and all that stress will have been worth it.

Unless you can't save because suddenly, one of your chosen classes is unavailable, there are no more seats left. No worries, just pull up another plan and you're good to go! Sure, it wasn't your first pick, but it'll do.

But that won't work either. So you try another, then another, and another, and suddenly you're all out of plans, none of them work because at least one class in each is unavailable.

Smart students will check the day before for any issues, but those who don't are left scrambling to make some sort of schedule and put themselves on the waitlists for the classes they desperately needed but were unavailable, all the while cursing the students who got to register ahead of them.

We've all had this happen, other students' selections leaving the rest of us to pick from the scraps. Many students report having stress induced nightmares in the weeks leading up to registration about that exact situation, literally losing sleep over the task.

Since other people got to register for the classes you wanted first, the lingering fear always remains of being in a class you hate, even if you get on a waitlist.

## Bucknell Fall Semester Guests: Here are Our Suggestions

Maximus Bean  
Senior Writer

As of this week, Bucknell has not invited anyone to be their Fall guests for this semester. This is, naturally, a great disappointment.

While the campus received Swae Lee, there has come no word about anyone else aside from that "State of Democracy" speaker series. However, students deserve something better than the usual run-of-the-mill speakers. This is why I want to introduce five people who Bucknell should consider inviting for their end-of-semester showcase.

### 1. Oprah Winfrey

With Dr. Oz officially blacklisted from Bucknell's hallowed grounds, it's time to size up someone new to take up the mantle of "famous person we think would be cool to talk to." While normally Dr. Phil would be on this list, but he's only technically qualified as a doctor. Some students may ask,

"why not Ellen?", and that's a very good question actually. Her show may have ended this year, but she could be due a few more thousand dollars before this semester is through.

### 2. President John Bravman

With his position fairly secure until 2028, and no clear speaker in sight, why not go with the cheapest option available? Then again, he did get a raise recently, so maybe that's off the table too.

### 3. George Washington

Even though Halloween is long over and the 2024 election is still two years away, we should give opportunities to other shambling corpses, especially those with a part in our nation's glorious history. For the Founder of our Nation, Washington would be an excellent speaker due to his natural eloquence and still-attached wooden teeth.

### 4. BTS

Let's face it, BTS is a worldwide hit, even if the majority of students don't actually understand what they're saying. Besides that, Bucknell has honored its share of veterans, and them being drafted is sure to be a big draw for alumni and students alike. The last famous drafted person was who, Elvis Presley?

### 5. Thimswatcher Applemothgate II

Although sixteen squirrels in a trench coat isn't ideal for most university faculty to listen to, the students might get a kick out of it. Acorns are optional, but it would just be a mobile petting zoo. Sure, sixteen squirrels have more collective brain power than most of the people running for office these days, but they're just rats with fluffy tails, and I'm sure everyone needs a break from classes even before Thanksgiving Break arrives.



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# Bucknell Alumni Network Connects Students with Business Insiders

Juliana Rodriguez  
Staff Writer

Bucknell provides students with various resources to help prepare them for post-grad success, such as the vast alumni network. Online tools like BucknellConnect, the Alumni Directory and LinkedIn can be used by students looking to contact alumni in particular career fields.

BucknellConnect allows alumni to distinguish themselves as "willing to help." Students can then refine their searches based on career field or location to find someone who would be most helpful. The Career Center also provides students with suggested scripts to guide them through reaching out to different alumni.

The Bucknell University LinkedIn page has an easily distinguishable section to search through alumni. The site provides filters to refine the alumni based on graduation year, location, company and more. With LinkedIn expanding the digital world of networking, alumni and students have a greater chance of connecting through their shared Bucknell experience.

With most jobs and internships acquired through networking, students in search of summer opportunities and post-grad jobs are able to utilize help provided by alumni. Many students share the common experience of having received some form of guidance from alumni.

Finance major Georgia Shell '23 shared the experiences she has had engaging with the alumni network.

"I am so grateful for the Bucknell connection," Shell said. "Throughout the past three years, I have reached out to and formed meaningful relationships with numerous alumni working in what would now be my desired field as well as others. They have taken time out of their busy schedules to explain their roles and how my career goals might align with certain roles. It is from these conversations that I've decided where exactly I want to take my future career."

Shell spoke to an alum with whom she connected who ultimately became a close contact for her.

"He helped me craft questions, conducted mock interviews for me and sent study resources so I would be best prepared on interview day. I once asked him why he was so generous to give me so much of his time. His response was along the lines of 'I had people do it for me. I'm just paying it forward.' I truly feel that this is the mentality of all Bucknell alumni," she said.

Making use of the online networks, Shell shared her experience with trying to reach out to different alumni.

"Two summers ago, I had started the process of looking for a junior year internship. I got on LinkedIn one afternoon and messaged around 60 Bucknell alumni asking to set up a quick call," she said. "I didn't expect everyone to answer by any means. But, messages started flowing through and next thing I knew, I had hours of calls every day for the next two weeks."

"This past summer, I was working in a role that I didn't feel was the fit for me. I had reached out to one of the senior bankers at the same company, who happened to be a Bucknell alum, to get his advice as to what I should do. We grabbed coffee and ended up talking for an hour and a half. Almost immediately after I got back to my seat, an email popped up in my inbox to connect me with another banker."

Later that summer, Shell saw the same banker once again, and he proceeded to check in with how things were going before setting her up to grab coffee with yet another senior banker.

"If I had any advice for students going through the internship or job search process, it would be to reach out to as many Bucknell alumni as possible and work on growing your relationship from there," Shell said. "These relationships are not just ones that you tap into when you need something. Don't be afraid to put yourself out there. There are people who genuinely WANT to help you! The Bucknell connection is there, but it is on you to capitalize on it."

Following her graduation in 2023, Shell will begin her role as an Investment Banking Analyst at Cain Brothers.

"Throughout my years at Bucknell, I've had various opportunities to get connected with Bucknell alumni," said Molly Tuthill '24, a member of the Bucknell University Alumni Association Board and a Bucknell Reunion Ambassador. "Through these events and interactions I've witnessed first hand the willingness to help Bucknell students get a step into their field of work. While interning this summer in Washington D.C. I was able to connect with many alumni in person."

Located in DC this past summer, Tuthill spent her time interning at the National Community Action Foundation as a Policy Analyst.

"They were always willing to meet and talk about Bucknell, careers and life in general. It is always fun to talk to other Bucknellians about their time here and get advice for the future. I used my advice and Bucknell connections from my time this past summer in DC to work towards getting an internship for this upcoming summer," she said.



# THE BUCKNELLIAN *sports*

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## Bison Field Hockey Season Comes to an End

Brooke Tracey  
Staff Writer

The Bison Field Hockey team closed out its 2022 season this past week.

On Nov. 3, the Orange and Blue faced the Boston University Terriers for the second time in less than a week, this time for the spot in the Patriot League Championship.

The Bison fought until the end, but a second-half goal by the Terriers sent BU onto the finals.

The Bison were feeling confident entering the match, after giving the Terriers much trouble just days earlier. The Orange and Blue had a share of shots in the first half.

One of their best chances came in the second quarter from Reanne Burgess '24, who carried the ball into the circle off a broken penalty corner and took a strong shot, forcing the Terrier's goalie to make a big save. The game remained tied at 0-0 entering halftime.

Just like the last time the Bison faced the Terriers, it was the second half that ultimately determined the game. The Orange and Blue came out fired up, as Mackenzie Kile '23 had a quality shot earlier in the third quarter that went just wide of the goal.

On the other side of the pitch, Kira Leclercq '26 recorded three defensive saves, keeping the Bison in the game heading into the fourth quarter. With just under fourteen minutes left in the game, the Terriers found the back of the net, leading 1-0.

The Bison were unable to find the equalizer in the final minutes, closing out their 2022 season.

"This season was filled with highs and lows but we made a lot of progress as a team, which is something to be proud of," Burgess said. "Each game we held our own and gave it everything we had. We learned to work with and for each other. We fought in every competition we played. I hope this culture continues in spring training and next fall where we have unfinished business to take care of."

There is a lot to be proud of from this Bison team. The Bison finished the season with a 5-13 overall and 3-3 Patriot League record. They made the conference tournament for the fifteenth consecutive time and twenty-fourth overall, ranking the highest in the league.



Noor Kaur  
Staff Writer

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The Bison Men's Soccer team ended their season with a strong showing against Patriot League opponent Loyola.

The result of the match between the defending Patriot League Champions was a 0-0 tie, thus preventing Loyola from making the Patriot League tournament.

Rookie goalkeeper Freddie Lapworth '26 earned a red card during minute 40 of the game, so senior goalkeeper Bennet Schwartz '23 took the field to keep the team in play.

Schwartz had a strong game and

even saved a tough free kick that was earned from Lapworth's foul. By the end of the night, Schwartz tallied seven saves, just one less than his career high.

This, in addition to Lapworth's four saves, was an important effort against Loyola's 28 overall shots during this game. Bucknell had some close shots, with Ben Sheffield '26 nearly scoring a header near the end of the game.

The Bison ended the season with a 3-12-2 overall record and 2-5-2 conference record.

"Although the season didn't end the way we wanted with not making the playoffs, we were proud of our end of season performance," Swartz said. "Going into the Loyola game, our goal was to spoil their season and eliminate them from playoffs with them being the defending champs. I could not have asked for a better send off being able to play in my last game and be able to help the team massively."

Making their final appearances with Schwartz were seniors Mo Tall '23, Jameson Railey '23, Chris Masur '23 and Eddie Perez-Pelaez '23.

## Upcoming Events

### Men's Basketball

- vs Niagara 11/12 4pm

### Wrestling

- vs Oklahoma State 11/12 7pm
- vs Rider 1/30 2pm

### Women's Basketball

- vs Fairleigh Dickinson 11/16 6pm

## Men's Basketball Gets Hot From Outside In Dominant Opening Victory



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Hugh Straine  
Staff Writer

Bison Men's Basketball cruised to a decisive 113-52 home-opening victory over the Flying Dutchmen of Lebanon Valley College, an NCAA Division III school from Annville, Pa.

Bucknell found an offensive rhythm quickly and rolled with it for the entire forty minutes.

Coach Nathan Davis rolled with a man defense for the majority of the night. Bucknell swarmed the ball handlers of LVC—switching well, coming off of screens and closing out hard to take away open outside shots.

The Bison played with discipline and made it difficult for the Dutchmen to pump fake and get down the lane.

The Orange and Blue forced 13 LVC turnovers, and added eight blocks and eight steals to the box score. After a previous year where defense struggled, it looked like an all new defensive unit out there on Monday night. Bucknell's offense was also impressive.

The Orange and Blue started hitting outside shots early, and kept it going for the rest of the game. Bucknell shot 60 percent from the field and 53.8 percent from the three-point range, hitting 21 threes and tying the Sojika

Pavilion all-time record for three-pointers in a game.

Transition offense was what stood out for the Bison the most. It didn't take long for the Bison defense to wear out LVC, leading to steals and transition points, many being quick pull-up threes off the dribble.

Josh Adoh '24 and Elvin Edmonds IV '25 were the leading scorers last night with 18 points respectively. Adoh also had seven rebounds on 7-13 shooting from the field off the bench, and Edmonds IV logged eight assists and hit six of his seven three point attempts.

Bucknell had four more players score in double digits — Ian Motta '25, Andre Screen '24, Xander Rice '23 and Brady Muller '26 (11).

Ruot Bijek '26 added eight points and three boards in 17 minutes, going 3-5 from the field and 2-3 from 3 off the bench. At six foot three inches, Bijek is a special talent.

"What clicked for us offensively is that everyone has put a bunch of work into their games," Bijek said. "We all have a bunch of confidence in each other to make shots." Bucknell takes on Niagara at home this Saturday at 4 p.m. as they look to improve to 2-0.

## Bison Football Falls Short to Fordham

Madison Rehak  
Staff Writer

The Bucknell football team had a tough match this Saturday against No. 18 Fordham University, losing 59-17.

The Bison started the first quarter strong, holding the Rams off for the first nine minutes of play, stopping four of their possessions.

Matt Scheerer '26 capitalized on a 31-yard field goal with only 12 seconds left in the quarter, putting the Bison up 3-0.

The Rams responded to this play immediately in the beginning of the second quarter with a 14-play 57-yard drive, evening the score at 3-3.

Fordham then went on to connect on three touchdown passes in the last four minutes and 30 seconds of the first half, as the Orange and Blue were having difficulty maintaining possession of the ball. The first half ended with the Rams leading 24-3.

The Bison came out hard in the beginning of the third quarter on the offensive side, starting with a 13-yard touchdown rush from Rushawn Baker '25.

The Rams came back and scored on a 75-yard touchdown drive soon after. Bucknell was able to hold off the Rams from capitalizing on their next two touchdown attempts in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter began with a career-first touchdown catch from Damian Harris '24 as Nick Semptimphelter '24 threw him a beautiful fade. This brought the

Bison up to a score of 17-31 against the Rams.

This was the last of the points that the Bison would get up on the board for the game, while the Rams battered off 28 more points in the remaining minutes of the fourth quarter.

Bucknell ended the game with 330 offensive yards after gaining only 58 yards in the first half. Semptimphelter threw for 158 yards on 12 of 25 completions, and freshman Alex Brown '26 had five completions for 58 yards. Tyler Alston '24 and Brent Jackson '23 each grabbed an interception, and Jackson finished with 10 tackles and three pass breakups. Gavin Pringle '23 came up with four pass breakups while Blake Leake '24 registered a game-high of 13 tackles.

"We came out and dominated on the defensive side of the ball and were able to turn the ball over," Cooper Kim '23 said. "We needed to play 60 minutes of elite defense to give our team a shot to beat a high powered offense and one of the best teams in the FCS. We know we can compete with teams of that caliber and we are going to do everything we can to play at the highest level for these final two weeks."

The Bison will compete at Georgetown in Washington, D.C. this coming Saturday Nov. 12. You can watch the game on ESPN+ and keep up to date on the live statistics on the Bucknell Athletics website.



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## Bison Women's Basketball Falls in Season Opener

Lea Tarzy

Staff Writer

The Bison women's basketball team began their 2022-23 season with a loss at Saint Joseph's University on Monday night.

The game opened with an even battle. The lead bounced between the two teams until SJU went on a 12-0 scoring run that resulted in a halftime score of 25-20. The Bison battled back all game long, but the Hawks maintained the lead for most of the game. At the start of the third quarter, the Bison scored five of the first six shots from the court, beginning the half with a promising start. However, the Hawks were fouled on a three-pointer and capitalized on all of the awarded free throws to recover the lead.

The Bison eventually surged ahead 34-33 with just five minutes to go in the third quarter. Prior to this, the Bison were behind by four points. Julie Kulesza '24 was fouled while scoring a layup

and made the free throw to bring the Bison within one point of the Hawks' 33. With just 5:16 left in the third quarter, Tai Johnson '23 scored another two points to put the Bison in the lead. The Hawks retaliated and doubled their 33 points while fending off the Bison's offensive efforts to bring the final score to 66-49.

Overall, Bucknell shot 37 percent, making 17 of 46 shots from the court. The Bison also scored five of the 15 attempted three-point shots and made 10 of their 11 free throws. Throughout the game, Bucknell had 17 turnovers, nine of which occurred in the first 20 minutes of the match. The Hawks were able to capitalize on each of the 17 turnovers.

Emma Shaffer '23 contributed to the Bison's efforts with an impressive 11 points and nine rebounds. Johnson and Kulesza each scored

10 points for the Bison and Johnson also recorded two assists. Cecilia Collins '25, who had a standout rookie year, played just six minutes early on in the game yet still contributed five points and one assist. She also had three rebounds and two steals. Kaylee Reinbeau '24 made two three-pointers for a career record of six points.

"St. Joseph's was a tough competitor and we continued to give a fight throughout the whole game," Kulesza said. "All mistakes made are easily fixable. We had great moments in the game last night, and there's a bright future of what our team can accomplish. I'm excited to see how the rest of the season plays out."

The Bison women are on the road again later this week, traveling to Blacksburg, Virginia. They look ahead to their next game away against Virginia Tech this coming Friday.

## Women's Soccer wins Patriot League Championship Again

Lauren Medeiros

Staff Writer

After two hard fought games, the Bucknell Women's Soccer team won the Patriot League Title this weekend.

The Bison defeated both Boston University and Army West Point in penalty kicks. Bucknell's soccer team are now back-to-back league champions, and their program overall holds a total of six league titles.

Ending the regular season ranked second in the league, the Bison had a bye the first round, automatically putting them in the semi-finals.

On Nov. 4, the Bison took on Boston University at Emmitt Field for the semi-final game. The stands were packed with Orange and Blue fans. The game was 0-0 throughout regulation and remained scoreless in both overtime halves. Throughout the game, Bucknell pressed hard, stayed tight with their marks and had many opportunities on goal. With 110 minutes of scoreless play, the game came down to penalty kicks. The starting five PK shooters for the Bison were Hannah Stuck '24, Jenna Hall '24, Teresa Deda '25, Meghan White '26 and Rylee Donaldson '23.

Overall, the shootout ended 4-3, in a Bison victory. Contributing to the scoring was Hall, Deda, White and Donaldson. Once the whistle blew, the large student crowd stormed the field, celebrating this amazing moment with the team.

"Knowing that we beat Boston in the regular season, we knew they were going to come out with everything they had," Hall said. "We had to perform to the best of our ability in front of our home crowd in order to beat them."

The Bison finished the game with a total of 21 shots, while Boston University tallied 11 shots. Key players throughout the game were goalkeeper Hall, who received the Patriot League Goalkeeper of the Year award, and senior forward Donaldson who was named the Tournament MVP.

Bucknell faced off against Army West Point in the most important game of the season on Nov. 6 — the Patriot League Championship.

Earlier in the season when these two teams competed, the game ended in a 0-0 tie. Heading into this game, both teams were locked in and determined to win.

In the first half of the game, there were limited scoring chances for both teams, due to Bucknell and Army West Point being two of the best defensive teams in the league. However, the second half opened up.

During regulation around the 56th minute, Army had a break-away straight to goal, but Hall met her at the top of the box and made an amazing sliding save, keeping the score 0-0. For the Bison, Abby Gearhart '23, Sydney Hess '26 and Deda fired many shots on goal in the second half.

Similarly to the semi-final game, the Bison drew a 0-0 score after regulation, and remained scoreless in both overtime halves. At the end of the 110 minutes, the shooting stats were even at 19 apiece. This meant Bucknell would enter another penalty kick shootout.

"I was super anxious going into penalty kicks in both games," Hall said. "As a goalkeeper you are not expected to save them, but I knew I would have to do something in order to win the game. I just kept telling myself to just go with my gut and guess on a side."

Bucknell had Stuck, Hall, Deda, White and Donaldson take the penalty kicks again. After the coin toss, the Bison were elected to shoot first. However, for the Bison this time, the penalty kicks appeared to cause them trouble.

Stuck hit the crossbar and Hall's shot was saved bottom right. At the end of the two rounds, Army was leading 1-0.

Bucknell's third shooter, Deda, was able to put the Bison on the board, leveling

the score 1-1. Next, freshman White scored in the top right corner. In the fourth round, Hall made a spectacular diving save to her right, keeping the Bison on top 2-1.

Heading into the fifth round, Donaldson needed to make this penalty shot to win the game. Luckily, Donaldson delivered and clinched the win for the second straight game. Shortly after the whistle blew, Donaldson was surrounded by her teammates as the Bison celebrated another Patriot League Title.

"I actually didn't realize we had won after I made my shot, I thought Army was going to shoot again after me," Donaldson said. "When I saw my teammates running at me, I knew we won and I was pumped to celebrate with everyone."

Throughout the game, Hall tallied six saves. This game was her ninth shutout of the season and she lowered her season goals-against average to a league best 0.62.

Donaldson was named Tournament MVP and she was also on the All-Tournament Team joined by Hall, Deda and White.

For many of the upperclassmen players on the team, this win made them a back-to-back champion.

"It feels absolutely unreal," Donaldson said. "Last year the feeling was so surreal and to do it again this year, especially in my last season, was the most special feeling."

Now, the Bison are heading to the NCAA Tournament for the second year in a row and the sixth time in school history.

"We are all really excited to play in the first round of the tournament," Donaldson said. "We took some necessary time off to recover and are ready to practice hard for the next couple of days in order to stay sharp for the game."

Bucknell will compete against Ohio State in the NCAA first round on Nov. 11. The game will take place in Columbus, Ohio at 6 p.m.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jenna Hall '24



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Caleb Wooten  
Staff Writer

### Profile

### Sport

Soccer

### Hometown

Huger, S.C

### High School

Miss Porter's School

### Position

Goalkeeper

The Bucknell women's soccer team clinched their second consecutive Patriot League Championship in a defensive battle versus Army, ultimately prevailing 3-1 in penalty kicks after a 0-0 tie.

Jenna Hall '24 made key saves throughout 110 minutes of intense soccer and penalty kicks, anchoring the stout defense to another clutch performance.

Hall had six saves in her ninth shutout of the season (the team's 11th). The performance lowered Hall's season goals-against average to 0.62, which leads the Patriot League. This was the sixth shutout in their last seven games, largely due to Hall's efforts.

The 11 shutouts on the season tie a school record, and proves to show that the defense of the squad is as good as ever. This was just one of many outstanding performances for Hall, as her efforts throughout the regular season earned her Patriot League Goalkeeper of the Year honors.

The junior star did not stop her streak of dominant performances in the regular season, as Hall posted consecutive shutouts in the Bison's two postseason games.

When looking at their composure in this close battle, Hall attributed their previous games leading up to the championship for the way they were able to execute.

"We knew how tired we were going to be when it got late in this game," Hall said.

"A lot of our games last year in our championship run last year as well as our semifinal game this year prepared us for that. Knowing how it felt to be in penalty kicks helped us a lot because it wasn't new stress for us."

Although winning the championship is nothing new for Hall and the Bison, being able to win the Patriot League tournament this year was still an exuberant feeling for the Orange and the Blue.

"We were all so happy all the hard work we put in finally paid off," she said. "It was a feeling we all took in because we knew it meant all the long nights and early mornings were worth it."

Hall and the Bison are slated to face six-seeded Ohio State in the first round of the NCAA tournament Friday Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at Jesse Owens Memorial stadium.

"We're going to have the same mentality this game but try to put less stress on ourselves. We know that we are going to have to play our game and we know our strengths because of what we have gone through this year—so this game is going to be more about fun and enjoying the moment," Hall said.

This is the team's sixth NCAA tournament appearance in school history, and they have already shown time and again that if anyone is going to defy the odds, it will be them.

If the Patriot League Champions can continue the momentum they have built throughout the past weeks, they prove to be a dangerous underdog throughout this tournament.

### Career Stats

- 2021 Third Team

All-Patriot League selection

- 2021 Patriot League All-Tournament Team

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# beyond the bison

sports news across the nation

## The Return of the New York Jets

Kaylee Donnelly  
Senior Writer

Halfway through the NFL regular season, an unlikely contender has entered the scene. Sunday night the New York Jets upset the heavily favored Buffalo Bills with a score of 20-17.

The game started off a little weary for New York. By half-time, the score was 14-10, and the Bills appeared to be proving the predictions right. But that didn't stop the Jets, as the defense put up a necessary effort, containing the Bills offense and quarterback Josh Allen to just three points in the

second half, a season-low for the Buffalo team.

Sauce Gardener was a key player in the Jets defense that night, intercepting the Bills' first drive of the second half, giving the Jets a chance at a field goal, which they took advantage of.

Jets offense and quarterback Zach Wilson, in his second year on the team, came up big in advancing the team to the victorious 20 points. Wilson completed 18 out of 25 passing attempts, with one touchdown and zero interceptions.

Although an exciting upset, this game might mean a bit more than that. For the first time in 12 years, the Jets have a real shot at making the playoffs.

All Jets fans understand loss, maybe more than others. In the 63 years of program history, the Jets have only made the playoffs 14 times.

What is the cause of the seemingly quick turnaround? There's a few changes inside that might contribute to their recent success. One is freshly hired coach Robert Saleh, who has reportedly contributed to improving

their game plan, culture and confidence. The Jets are full of young players, and their energy to win is palpable.

One of these young players is quarterback Wilson, a recognizable figure in sports who has been trying to make a name for himself for the second year now. Although Wilson's last three games have been shaky, it's clear that the Jets found a way to get him back in the game, right when they needed him the most.

Not even Jets fans would've guessed that the team would be sitting 6-3 halfway through the

season, but a pleasant surprise it has been.

One will have to keep tuned in to see if the Jets are able to carry this momentum into the rest of their season. They have a bye next week before turning their sights onto the Patriots, hoping to seek revenge for a disappointing loss in week eight.

This week nine upset definitely changed some things for the league, and for the predictions, as the Jets have firmly asserted themselves back into the playoffs conversation for the first time in years.

## Swim and Dive finish weekend 2-1

Charlotte Dursee  
Staff Writer

The Bison Swim and Dive team hosted a quad meet this past weekend against Navy, American and Lafayette.

Both the men's and women's teams out-scored American (240.5-45.5 men, 224-74 women) and Lafayette (234.5-63.5 men, 252-48 women), but came up behind against Navy (110-189 men, 97.5-202.5 women).

On the women's end, Sabrina Vumbacco '23 continued to thrive in the water, collecting two individual wins, one in the 500 and the other in the 1000 freestyle.

Vumbacco was also a part of the winning 200 medley relay, alongside teammates Esme Hunter '24, Alexandra Ritorto '23 and Kayla

Lichtner '24. Abby Doss '24 and Hunter each also had two runner up placements in their respective events.

"Races are won in practice, so we prepare for each race by training hard for weeks in practice," Hunter said. "I rely heavily on the training and the mental preparation we have done with Nick Fuller, our mental health performance consultant."

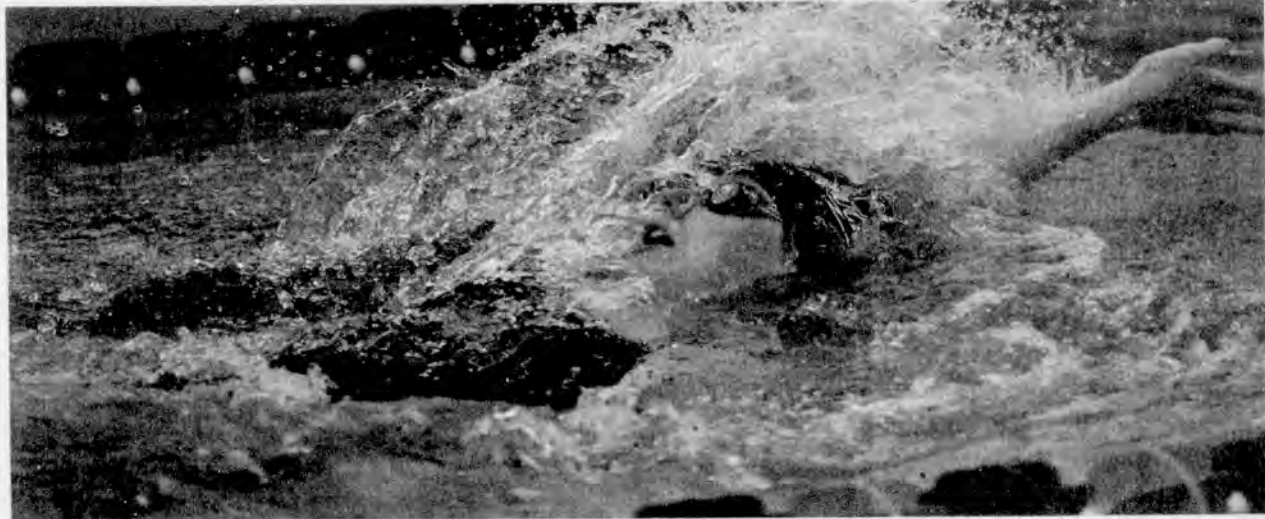
For the men's team, four Bison swimmers placed first in their individual events. These included Alex Crossing '26 (100 freestyle), John Gehrig '24 (200 butterfly), Chris Fabian '24 (100 backstroke) and Leo Kuyl '23 (50 freestyle).

The Bison also won the 200 freestyle relay, with Fabian, Kuyl,

Justin DiSanto '25 and Chris Kopac '25.

"Strong performances are always encouraging and inspiring. Both the women's and men's teams have performed really well so far this season. American and Lafayette are solid competitors so it was reassuring to beat them, and we had some good performances in certain races against Navy. Overall our performance bodes well for Patriot League championships," Hunter said.

After another impressive performance, the Bison teams look to improve their record of 5-1 (4-1 PL) the weekend of Nov. 18 at the Bucknell Invitation at Kinney Natatorium.



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## Men's Water Polo takes on Navy, Wagner and Mount St. Mary's

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The Orange and Blue men's water polo team took on Navy in Annapolis, Md., as well as Wagner and Mount St. Mary's at home this past weekend.

This was their final weekend of competition in their regular season, as the MAWPC Championship occurs in two weeks.

On Saturday Nov. 5 the Bison fell to Navy, the final score a close 8-6 in favor of the Midshipmen.

Despite being down to Navy for the majority of the first half, Bucknell managed to tie the match 4-4 when Josh Yardley '23 scored with 2:28 left in the half. Despite these efforts, Navy was able to take the lead again shortly after the score at the half being 5-4 Navy.

In the second half, the Midshipmen scored two more goals until Jack Murad '26 found the back of the net for the Bison. The scoring went back and forth from this, with Yardley scoring again.

Also contributing goals were Ando Vlasceanu '23, Hasan Mogultay '25 and Shay Gillearn '25. These goals were great moments

for the Bison, but they were unable to come up with the win.

"We had a tough game Saturday, but it was a great learning experience going into the championship," Gillearn said.

On Sunday, the team took on Wagner and Mount St. Mary's, earning victories in both matches.

The win against Wagner was a defensive victory, with the final score being 11-5. After falling behind to the Seahawks in the first period, the Bison managed to come back.

Aleksa Stefanovic '26 and Mogultay put two on the board to take the lead 16 seconds before the first quarter buzzer.

For the remainder of the game, there were flurries of goals scored by the Bison. Mogultay and Stefanovic found the back of the net yet again, alongside Vlasceanu, Gillearn and Doruk Ozar '24.

The game against Mount St. Mary's was a landslide victory for Bucknell, 22-10. This game was especially spectacular, as seniors Jack Lewis, Vlasceanu, Colby Paine, Will Gildea, Adrien Touzot

and Yardley were honored prior to the match.

Paine and Yardley had a very successful senior day match, each contributing four goals against The Mount. Gildea also got on the board, and Vlasceanu and Lewis found the back of the net multiple times.

While the final score made the match look easy for the Orange and Blue, there were many close moments, and at one point The Mount managed to pull within three. The Bison never gave up and proved to persevere.

"We had a great weekend. We spent all week getting ready and our hard work paid off. We were really happy to go 2-0 on Sunday. We played two good teams, so it was a good confidence booster," Gillearn said.

This successful weekend and overall season for the Bison will prepare them well, as they enter the MAWPC Championship as the No. 3 seed. The Orange and Blue will either face Navy or Mercyhurst first on Friday Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in Bronx, N.Y.

## 'Ray, 'Ray, 'Ray, for Bucknell Women's Volleyball

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Staff Writer

History was made this weekend in Davis Gym for the Bucknell Women's Volleyball team while playing against patriot league opponents American and Loyola.

Bucknell collected its first ever series sweep against American on Saturday — 25-22, 19-25, 25-17, 25-22 — after having beaten them over five matches earlier in the season.

"This weekend was extra special for me since Saturday was our senior day and my last home game ever," said Camryn Anderson '23. "Our 2-0 record this weekend secured our spot in the Patriot League Tournament, which the volleyball team hasn't made in 12 years. I'm so proud of my team for everything we have accomplished this week and can't wait to see how the tournament goes."

Following the second match, the Bison secured their postseason spot for the first time in 12

years, sitting at 14-10 overall and 7-8 in the Patriot League.

Freshman Tijana Kostic '26 was seen scoring a season high of 15 kills throughout the matches.

With the victory, the Bison maintained their fifth-place standing in the Patriot League while heading into their match against American.

All four seniors had an impact on the result after being honored prior to the match. Anderson, Sandra Korusiewicz '23, Lisa Zoch '23 and Sarina Singer '23 all rotated through in the four sets.

In the second set, kills from Anderson and Valentina Feigl '24 put the team ahead. Zoch was seen with eight kills and seven digs throughout the four sets.

Bucknell wraps up regular season play at Navy next Sunday at 7 p.m. with the Patriot League Tournament beginning just two days after.



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# Conversations that aren't smooth like butter

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## Historic midterm election outcomes suggest shifting demographic in House and Senate

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As the final results from elections across the country trickle in, it is clear that young voters had a sizable influence over election outcomes this election cycle. According to Tufts University CIRCLE, 27 percent of young people aged 18-29 voted in the midterm elections, which is the second highest level of turnout in that age category in the last three decades. While early projections anticipated a "red tsunami," giving Republicans sizeable leads in both chambers, the statistics suggest that young people voted overwhelmingly Blue this election cycle, with pundits attributing this to party-alignment with policies surrounding abortion, student debt, and the climate. This has led to less

significant power differentials in the House and Senate, which has interesting implications on the kinds of policy debates we will see play out during the next session in Congress.

With many Americans reporting feeling uncertain about the country's political trajectory, this election cycle has provided a little bit of insight into the direction this country might go in over the next couple of years.

As abortion rights, healthcare access, climate health and so much more all hang in the balance, there is increased attention and pressure on who is elected into the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. In spite of the perpetual feeling of impending doom

surrounding American politics, there were a multitude of exciting and historic wins across the country this week across the political spectrum:

The first Gen-Z congressmen has been elected in Florida following Tuesday's midterm elections. Maxwell Frost, 25, won an Orlando-district seat after a lively campaign centered around ending gun violence, endorsing Medicare-For-All and addressing racism embedded in the criminal justice system. The seat had been vacated by a Democrat so they could pursue senatorial aspirations.

The first representative with mixed citizenship in congress, Democrat Delia Ramirez is projected to win in Illinois' redrawn

3rd Congressional District. Ramirez is the daughter of Guatemalan immigrants and her campaign focused on housing justice, increasing the quality of public education through funding, community safety, women's rights and LGBTQ+ justice.

Maryland has elected its first Black governor, Wes Moore, who flipped the governorship from Red to Blue. Moore is an Army veteran and former nonprofit executive. His campaign focused on economic development, social justice, and measures to enhance public transportation.

Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey was elected as the first female governor of Massachusetts and the nation's first openly

lesbian governor. Healey has endorsed the reinstatement of the child tax credit, supports economic development focused on making employment accessible and wants to enact legislation focusing on climate justice.gm

As Gen-Z comes of age, political leadership will change to reflect our changing priorities. These historic wins represent the power that young voters have to provide space for representatives of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, as well as those of many diverse personal identifiers. As the country continues to face a reckoning about national identity and priorities, it is exciting to see that our legislators are beginning to reflect the diversity of our generation.

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# Is our campus truly supportive of the LGBTQIA+ community?

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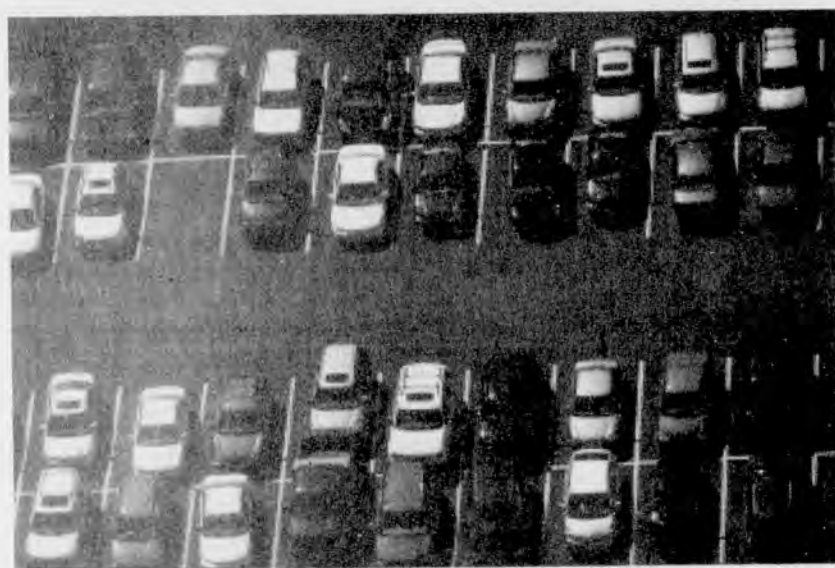


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The availability of parking spaces and the recent increase in parking ticket penalties on campus are topics of heavy discussion within our Bucknell community.

The recent installation of the 5 ticket towing penalty has the intent of strongly emphasizing how crucial it is for both students and staff to following parking rules because parking in an undesignated spot will skew the allocation of spots for staff, students, and specific service vehicles.

However, when the clock flashes 8:28 A.M. and you have an 8:30 A.M. research meeting, yet there isn't one vacant student spot, one must make a choice: be late to an important meeting or risk getting a ticket. And sometimes, the latter ends up being the choice.

On November 3rd, I received a \$25.00 ticket for parking my car in a staff spot. As I was about to pay the ticket in Mart's Hall, it struck me: what constitutes staff?

If we review the technical definition in the Dictionary via Google, staff is defined as all the people employed by a particular organization. Given the fact that I am on payroll at Bucknell University for research assistance in the Anthropology department, wouldn't that technically classify me as being employed by the school, hence a staff member?

Such conundrum led me to question why staff spaces aren't extended to student workers, and how allowing student workers to utilize staff parking would be a plausible and feasible benefit for not only being a student at

Bucknell, but by simultaneously working a job to serve the university.

By my general observations, there tends to be a higher frequency of vacant spots in staff lots, hence indicating that there are extra spots to extend to student workers.

If Bucknell were to allocate staff spots for students who work on campus, I think a valid next step is reserving spots for student athletes and other student activity members due to time demands making it stressful for involved students to find parking while also attempting to be on time for specific obligations.

Students and staff are not two separate entities. Many students fulfill staff roles and deserve to be granted staff parking privileges for their contribution to our university.

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# Management 101: Supporting the Lewisburg Community

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Staff Editor

## ASCENDING SUMMITS

Partnering with Cruising to the Summit, the Ascending to Summit company is also working to help raise money for the Lewisburg Center of Summit Early Learning. Their goals are to help make updates to the center to improve the experience of students and faculty.

Jess Ryan '25, the Vice President of Service for the company, was able to share what her time being a part of the company has been like.

"We want to help the Summit Early Learning community because of the importance of childhood education and the impact that this daycare has on young children," Ryan said. "Our experience has been so unique because two companies have not worked together with one service partner in over 10 years. This process has been so rewarding because we have been able to get so much done for Summit."

With the two companies coming together, the collection of 50 students rather than 25 have totaled close to 600 service hours.

Ryan continued on to say, "Inside the center, we have painted five classrooms and several murals around the school and have provided them with a new bookshelf and organized reading nook. Outside, we have power washed the exterior, reorganized two sheds, and filled in playground areas that needed more mulch to prevent tripping hazards."

The companies have also worked outside of Summit improving the landscape. They added mulch to the exterior and created raised garden beds for the children to plant in. They also have built picnic tables for the kids.



"I have thoroughly enjoyed working with my team to build our service plans for Summit. What started with Summit's request for a coat of paint here and there, has turned into renovations to the entire indoor and outdoor areas of the center. I am thrilled with all we have accomplished for such a great cause to aid early childhood education," Ryan said.

An aspect unique to this specific course is the opportunity for students to design and manage their own companies and participate in service projects through the selling of products. Each company raises money for a charity of their choice and is able to integrate business with service work.

Companies partner with a business or charity—typically in the local area. Once their semester concludes, the students from that group are then able to donate their profits, positively working for the betterment of the community.

While companies can make their choices as to what they intend to sell, it is popular to find these groups of students tabling throughout the semester in the ELC to sell their products to students in passing.

Within the company, students take on different roles to mimic real life corporations. These roles include CEO, VP of Accounting and Financial Management, VP of Fundraising and more. Members also become a part of different committees such as fundraising, service, communications and more. This course that is seen as a staple for Bucknell management students enables them to organize and oversee the success of their company from start to finish.

The four management companies for this Fall 2022 semester began their product sales in past weeks, and three have taken the time to explain their accomplishments and goals.

## BLISS BUILDERS

"Bliss Builders is working with the Miller Center, a local community center that focuses on before and after school childcare and programming. We wanted to show the staff that their dedication to serving the community and enhancing the lives of the next generation is much appreciated, and we are doing so by renovating their office and kitchen space," said company CEO East Albano '25.

Albano continued, "For the office, we have repainted their walls, provided them with updated furniture and decorations, and reorganized their space. For the kitchen, with the help of a contractor, we have deconstructed a wall, repainted, fixed cabinets and trim, and more. It's truly amazing seeing what our company has accomplished, and it's even better that we get to provide the staff at Miller with the space they deserve. During Halloween, we all volunteered to help with Miller's annual event and played a lot of fun games with the kids. It was amazing being able to help with the kids and gain an even better understanding of what Miller does for the community."

Through their online fundraiser on GoFundMe, Bliss Builders has raised close their fundraising goal, nearly \$3,000.

"My company amazes me and I am beyond proud to be their CEO. Management 101 is truly a one of a kind experience and I feel I am learning skills that just can't be replicated in other environments," said Albano.

## DOING DEEDS FOR DOGS IN NEED

Another MGMT 101 company, Doing Deeds for Dogs in Need, is partnered with Patriot K9 Rescue in Elysburg and William Cameron Engine Company in Lewisburg. The students provided manual labor and volunteer service in order to make the duties of local first responders "effective, efficient and easily executed."

Aside from volunteer work, the company also raised money for the two organizations they partnered with. Through a golf tournament held at Bucknell Golf Club, the company was able to raise around \$1,650 for their partnerships with local Lewisburg businesses sponsoring individual holes as well as donating directly to the event.

The company also organized a car demolition fundraiser. The event attracted a crowd of nearly a hundred students, and engine company members demonstrated a Jaws of Life extraction from a car. The demonstration was able to show how first responders need to act and the importance of them in saving lives.

"I have had a great time so far in MGMT 101," Shay Gillearn '25, a member of Doing Deeds, said. "It has been great to get out into the community and get real world experience instead of a traditional classroom lecture."

Shay is just one of the many students who plays an important role in their company's operations.

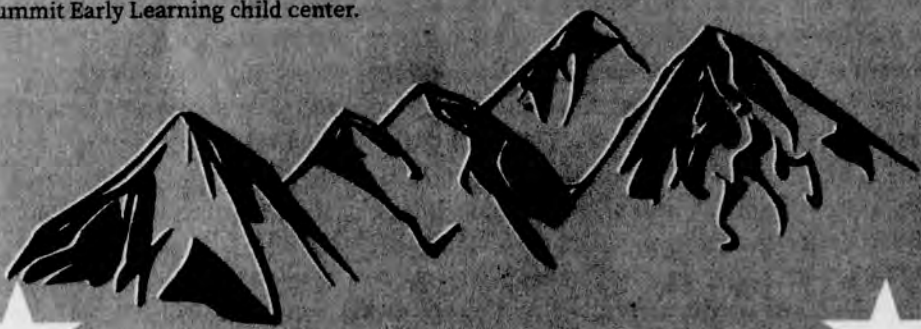
## CRUISING TO THE SUMMIT

This MGMT 101 company is partnered with Summit Early Learning to raise money for their childcare center. Summit Early Learning Center is a local child care facility located in Lewisburg.

Providing childcare to children through the age of 12, many are children of Bucknell professors and faculty members. In order to raise money for the center, Cruising to the Summit organized multiple events and fundraisers.

Some of the events the company organized were a fall fun run, online fundraiser and selling of merchandise. The fall fun run and online fundraiser were able to raise over \$5000 dollars of profit that will go directly to Summit Early Learning childcare center.

The company divided their time to be able to advertise in person and sell shirts in the ELC mall. The company also runs an Instagram account named @cruisingtothesummit that highlights what the company has been doing and sells merchandise. The sweatshirts they sell are available on Instagram to anyone, and all proceeds will be donated to the Summit Early Learning child center.



## THE TAS OF MGMT 101

After completing the course, students who excelled have the opportunity to TA and guide future companies on a path to success.

"MGMT 101 was one of the first classes I took," current TA Ben Sandusky '23 said. "It helped me frame my education around a pure form of management. I love my role as a TA because it is cool to watch colleagues turn into leaders by working together toward a common goal."

It is evident upon speaking with different students who have been a part of the MGMT 101 course that working towards a common goal is a theme amongst all of the companies. The combination of service and management shows students it is not always about earning the most profit but making an impact on your communities through service and volunteer work.







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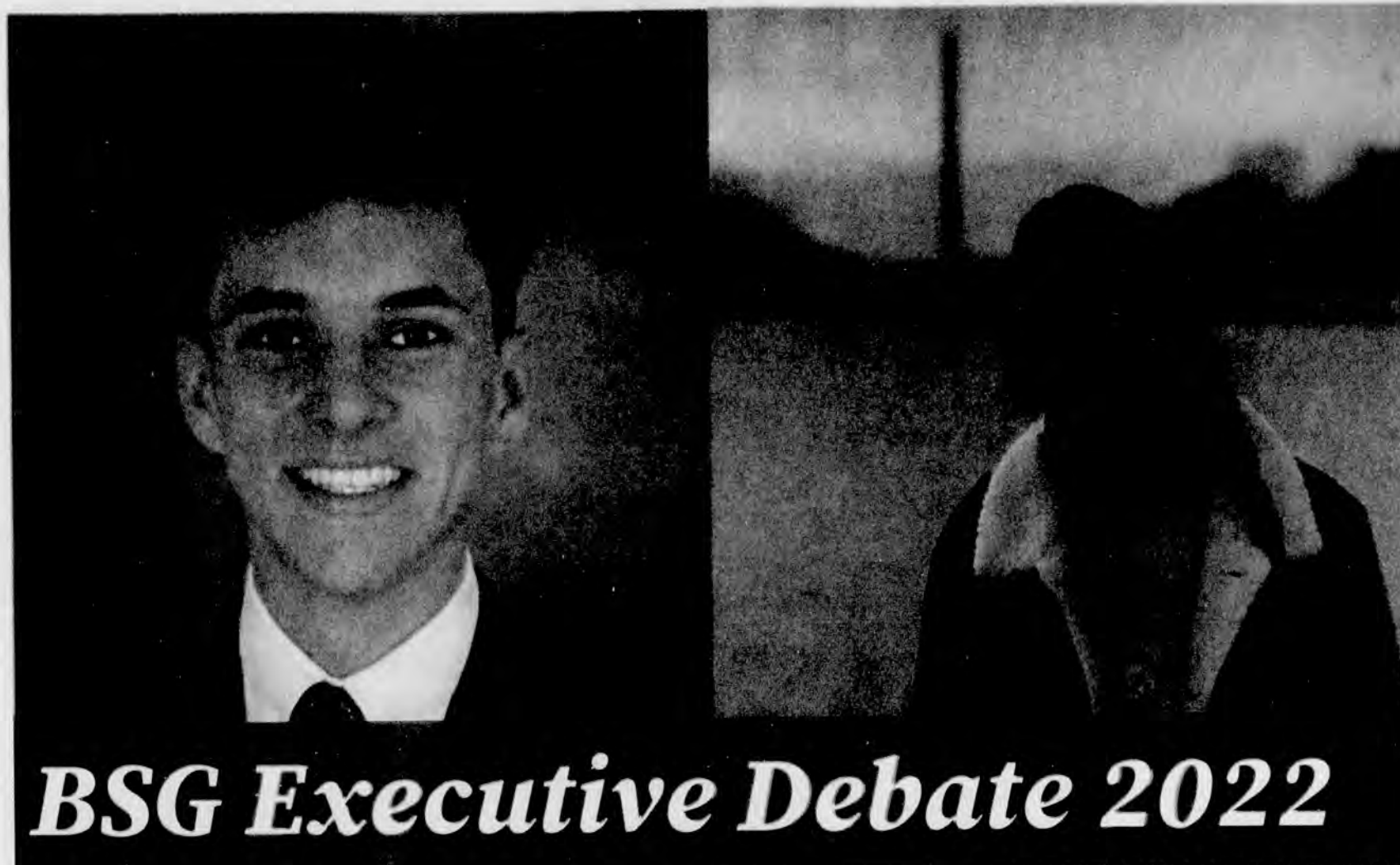
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Sal Iovino

Digital Managing Editor

Bucknell Student Government hosted its annual debate in preparation for executive board elections on Nov. 14.

Gabby Diaz '25 and Sam Douds '25 are competing for the presidential seat of the executive board, while Isa Segura-Suarez '25 and Lena DiFazio '24 are running uncontested for the seats of vice president of operations and vice president of administration, respectively.

Held in a third floor classroom of the Elaine Langone Center, the debate drew a sizable crowd, leaving standing room only for students who did not arrive early. Supporters of either presidential camp made their presence known as current BSG president Bernadette Maramis '24 introduced both candidates, and after a brief introduction of the rest of the current executive

board and other candidates, the debate began.

The debate opened asking the candidates why they each decided to run for their respective positions.

Most of the debating occurred between Diaz and Douds, with the former highlighting her experiences as a woman of color at a predominantly white institution as well as her widespread involvement on campus as key factors in developing a passion for making change through the role of BSG executive president.

Douds referenced his own involvements on campus as well as previous leadership positions as his motivating factors, emphasizing that he wants to build upon initiatives already present within BSG.

As the debate progressed, topics such as diversity, equity and inclusion, workload management and overcoming difficulties within a team working

environment were all discussed, in which each candidate gave statements expressing their opinions and ideas for new and continuing initiatives.

Current VP of administration Ally Riuli '24 and VP of operations Sam Godshall '24 both provided questions to DiFazio and Segura-Suarez, focusing on the specifics of the roles in collaborating with the executive team and allowing both to express their ideas for ways to innovate their respective positions.

At the end of the formal questioning session, the room was opened up to general questions from the student body, in which Diaz and Douds both provided answers to the three fielded questions.

When asked for closing statements on their campaigns, Diaz gave the following statement.

"Motivated by my experiences and the spaces I've been

part of, my platform is based on three key components: Social Justice, Community, and Accountability," Diaz said. "We must focus on empowering and mobilizing students, faculty and staff and holding administration accountable to create social change."

Douds also shared closing statements on his campaign.

"This campus currently confronts a number of real and difficult challenges," Douds said. "What I offer is concrete solutions. My policies directly address issues that we see in our daily lives: food insecurity, a lack of diverse representation, a lack of administrative accountability and so much more. I want to make this campus a better place for everyone and I hope I'm given the chance."

An email link to a ballot will be distributed to the student body at 12 a.m. on Nov. 17, and will close at 12 a.m. on Nov. 18.

## University professors and students work to test vertical-axis wind turbines

Michael Taramina

Staff Writer

With so much happening on campus, it's hard to believe Bucknell would allow students the opportunity to study and develop scientific instrumentation that will reveal answers unknown about the state of renewable energy, but it does.

Craig Beal, associate professor of mechanical engineering, and Nate Siegel, professor of mechanical engineering, have recently begun researching the assessment of a new design for a vertical-axis wind turbine invented by Harmony Turbines, a small company from Lebanon, Pa. In addition, they are also testing small scale models of a system in one of the wind tunnels operated by the mechanical engineering department.

This project is supported by the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Innovation Program which seeks to build partnerships between universities and Pennsylvania industries to increase innovation and employment in the Commonwealth of PA. Harmony Turbines was one company that reached out through the program and was matched with Bucknell. This is the second project that Siegel and Beal have advised under this program, the first being the Gilson Wakeboard project that has been well publicized by Bucknell.

While the research is being conducted by the professors, it is also being facilitated by a small group of students. Grace Lostak-Baker '23, Brillitte Orozco '23, Jack Falter '24 and Ivan Franco '25, all experienced and highly acclaimed civil or mechanical engineer majors, have been supporting the professors in roles from gathering data, evaluating conditions, building scale models and integrating them.

The PMI program is unique

in that the project's funding is for only student fellowship pay and materials needed to support the project. Therefore, Siegel and Beal focus only on advising the project, and the students are the ones who push the project forward.

"As advisors, our role is to offer the students ideas, point out to them potential avenues for solutions and occasionally teach them subject matter that they haven't encountered before," Beal said.

There has been much progress made thus far. Scale models of the Harmony Turbine are running in the wind tunnel and are collecting preliminary data about the power generated in a variety of conditions. The structure of the full scale test rig has been welded by Lostak-Baker, and assembly of the braking system, which extracts and dissipates the power from the turbine, along with power measurement are in progress. The team of researchers expect to receive the full scale turbine from Harmony and have it integrated with the work done by Lostak-Baker and Orozco by the end of the semester.

"I don't think there have been any major obstacles that we've run into, but we're very conscious as we go along that we need to be very careful since our data is going to inform decisions about the design that will impact performance and even the success of the Harmony Turbines company," Beal said.

Overall, the project, while complex on paper, is said to benefit society as a whole in terms of providing another solution for clean energy.

"The project will benefit Pennsylvania by supporting a Pa. small business that may eventually employ a number of Pennsylvanians and improve the Pa. economy. The project benefits Bucknell by providing students with experiences in hands-on engineering, data collection, design, decision making, etc.," Siegel said.

## GSA hosts speaker event for Transgender Day of Remembrance

Kelsey Werkheiser

Special Features Co-Editor

The Gender & Sexuality Alliance hosted speaker Sonya Saturday on Nov. 15 to honor Transgender Day of Remembrance, observed annually on Nov. 20. Saturday, a resident of California, joined through Zoom in Academic West 112.

Saturday is a transgender cartoonist, whose work ranges from comic strips to coloring books. Her first creative outlet was theatre, but later came into comic writing in her college years. Her comic strip "Load" ran in The Independent Florida Alligator, the daily student newspaper of the University of Florida.

Saturday's comics often feature self-described "edgy" humor, as well as some cartoonish gore and horror. Over time, some of her comics have become an exploration of herself—especially as she came

into her transgender identity. She's also published satirical adult coloring books with a political focus, in time for the 2016 and 2020 elections.

"For me, the whole point of trans awareness and trans visibility is to continually show the world that we exist," Saturday said. "When you're invisible, it's easy for people to forget that you're real. A big reason we have so many people denying that transness is a real thing is because it's only recently that they've had to think about us at all."

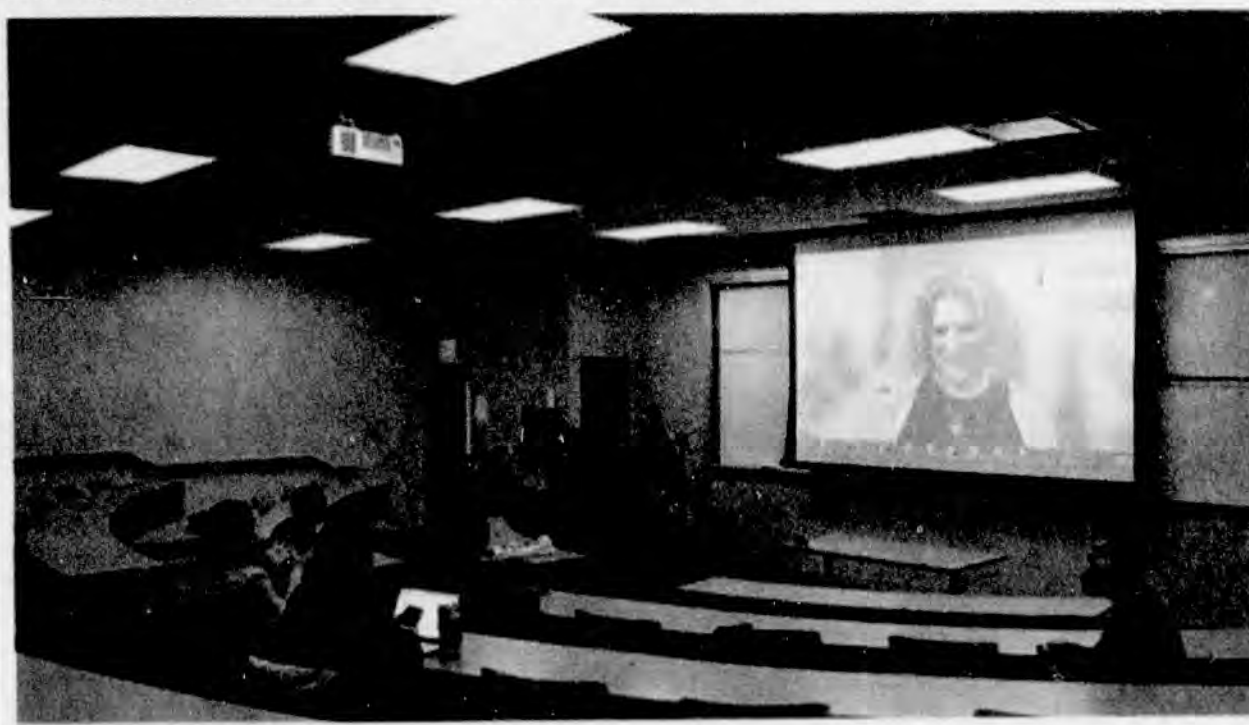
GSA also displayed a memorial outside of the Diversity & Inclusion Center in the bottom floor of the ELC. The memorial was composed of drawings contributed by club members as well as posters with supportive slogans. The main focus of the memorial, however, was a large poster featuring the names of transgender individuals who were killed this year.

Maria Wooden '26, GSA's First Year representative, spoke on her experience as the main organizer for this event.

"Organizing this event had stressful moments, but for the most part it was quite enjoyable," Wooden said. "It was super easy to communicate with Sonya Saturday, and I could tell she was very excited to talk with us."

Due to the nature of this holiday, efforts to honor it can often be emotionally heavy. While Saturday did touch on some of her experiences with mental health, she made sure to keep the talk light-hearted.

"This talk was so important because of how positive it was," Wooden said. "Sonya didn't sugar coat anything, but was able to share her trans journey with us in an uplifting way. I am happy to know that both the audience and our speaker had a great time."



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# breaking the bubble

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## DOMESTIC

Last week Category 1 hurricane Nicole swept through Florida's eastern coast, leaving unprecedented damages in its wake. Volusia County was severely impacted, declaring at least 49 beachfront properties "unsafe" and leaving some residents without homes entirely. Six weeks before this event, Hurricane Ian's storm surge caused the county's coastline to erode. This strained the community's preparation capabilities and left them vulnerable to more damages. The county is also the victim of sea level rise of over a foot in the past 100 years, worsening the effects of even mild storms.

Last Tuesday, former President Donald Trump announced he will run for president in 2024. This move brought criticism from some Republicans who assert that the focus should be on the Dec. 6 Georgia Senate runoff between GOP candidate Herschel Walker and Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock. Former Vice President Mike Pence shared similar sentiments with Fox News, adding that the Republican Party will have 'better choices' than Trump in 2024. He called Trump the "right man at the right time" in 2016, but today people have a "desire for leadership that could unite the country around our highest ideals and for more of the civility and respect that Americans show each other every day."

## INTERNATIONAL

On Nov. 11 the Biden Administration unveiled a new plan to regulate methane emissions in the United States at the United Nations Climate Conference, COP27, in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt. The new regulations entail routine monitoring of oil and gas well sites, reducing emissions from gas flaring and establishing a "super-emitter response program" which would allow federal regulators to intervene in cases of major methane leaks. The American Petroleum Institute said in a statement that it will work on a standard with the EPA that is "cost-effective, promotes innovation, and creates the regulatory certainty needed for long-term planning." The Environmental Protection Agency confirmed that the plan would reduce emitted methane from the oil and gas industry by 87 percent below 2005 levels. Methane is an important driver of short-term global warming, and according to the United Nations Environment Programme the molecule is responsible for over 25 percent of global warming since pre-industrial times.

Last Tuesday the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) reported that the world's population officially hit 8 billion, and India is on track to become the world's most populated country next year. During the next 60 years the global population is expected to exceed 10 billion. The U.N. says that this growth is "a testament to achievements in public health and medicine." However, the rate of growth is slow relative to the past, pointing to major future challenges of feeding, housing, and slowing the pollution rate of that level of people. The report also states that global migration "will be the sole driver of population growth in high-income countries," and serves as an important wake-up call for the United States.

Cryptocurrency company FTX is filing for bankruptcy as an investigation is underway concerning suspicious movement of \$473 million worth of assets out of FTX wallets. The company has frozen all digital assets as a precaution against the possibility of theft. Company officials have directed all customers to delete FTX apps and refrain from using its website, alluding to company knowledge of a hack on its Telegram channel.

## Bucknell Gamelan Ensemble hosts workshop

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The Bucknell Gamelan Ensemble presented a program of music and dance on Nov. 14 in the Weis Center Atrium. They began the performance with a piece called "Godeg Miring," and then students took turns presenting history and information about the instrument. Then, attendees were invited to participate in a brief hands-on instrumental workshop.

Gamelan is a percussion ensemble composed of metallophones, pitched gongs, gong chimes, bamboo flutes and drums. It has a presence in multiple cultures, but Bucknell's Gamelan is from Bali, an island in Indonesia. This specific variation is called "Semara Dana," which is a more modern style of ensemble.

The music is not written and is rather learned aurally. This makes it easier for workshops like these to take place, regardless of someone's musical experience.

Performances rely heavily on the collaboration of all the musicians, and each musician

is able to maintain their rhythm by following the other musicians in a type of non-verbal communication.

This emphasis on collaboration was also important during the workshop, and attendees would partner with one of the musicians. If they were learning on a metallophone, they would sit opposite each other with it in between, and the participants would mirror the musician to learn the song.

Alexander Greenawald '23, a current senior in the ensemble, spoke on the prevalence and importance of collaboration in Gamelan.

"Just the act of breathing together and needing to be so in-tune with each other has fostered a sense of community like I haven't felt anywhere else on campus," Greenawald said. "There's no notation in gamelan that we follow, so it really is all about paying attention to the other people in the group and looking for subtle cues from the rest of the ensemble... it's not an instrument you can play alone. It depends on the other people around you."

Gamelan is traditionally used in religious ceremonies and festivals, and is often accompanied by dancers. The instruments themselves are handmade in Bali, and feature intricate designs and gold details.

There is an expectation of respect when playing Gamelan, so the musicians are expected to remove their shoes and make sure not to step over the instruments. In place of traditional Balinese wear, the performers wore concert black and a purple sash around their waist. Students are able to become involved with Gamelan by enrolling in the quarter-credit course that meets twice a week, directed by Associate Professor of Music Bethany Collier.

"I've taken the course every semester...and enjoyed it every time," Greenawald said. "I've met some of my best friends through Gamelan and...it really brings us all together in a way I never expected."

"There's this phrase that we use in Gamelan called Suka Duka, that basically means 'happy together, sad together.' If one person in the group is off, we all are, and so we end up a very close knit and compassionate community," Greenawald said.

## Things to do in Lewisburg over Thanksgiving Break



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Staff Writer

Many Bucknell students will pack their bags and head home this Friday for a much needed week-long break.

After weeks and weeks of deadlines and exams, Thanksgiving break is a lifesaver for students and faculty alike. Even students who aren't heading off Bucknell's campus can enjoy the luxury of a week without lectures, labs, recitations and group assignments. With a largely empty campus, students might be stumped when thinking of things to do next week. Here are some ideas:

Students can volunteer at a food pantry near Lewisburg. The holiday season is a busy time for food pantries and they are often looking for extra hands to help out around Thanksgiving. You can go to your local grocery store, like Giant or Weiss, and pick up a couple of things to donate. You could volunteer at one of the pantries and help hand out food to those who visit. You can also volunteer on Thanksgiving and help prepare and serve food to visitors. Volunteering is a great way to give thanks and to give back during the holidays, so don't overlook this when thinking of ways to fill your schedule next week. One food pantry close to Bucknell's campus that you can look into volunteering at is The Hand Up Foundation in Milton.

One way you can get off Bucknell's campus next week is

by making a visit to Reptiland. Clyde's Peeling Reptiland is located in Allenwood, Pa., on US-15. Reptiland has been open for more than 50 years and has never failed to disappoint its visitors. At Reptiland, you can see pythons, vipers, cobras, lizards, frogs, tortoises and so much more. If you are an animal lover, or more accurately a reptile lover, Reptiland is the perfect place for you to visit this Thanksgiving break.

Another off-campus trip you can take that will surely result in a good time is a visit to Hoopla's Xtreme Family Fun. This trampoline park is located in Shamokin Dam and provides an experience of fun for all ages. In addition to trampolines, Hoopla's is home to an arcade, mini golf, mini bowling and a sky rail rope course. Grab your friends and head over to Shamokin Dam for a fun afternoon.

Sunset Rink is another exciting destination for Bucknell students to scope out this Thanksgiving break. For experienced roller skaters and new roller skaters alike, this rink will offer an experience of fun and even a little bit of exercise. This is a great way to get your body moving this break while also spending time in the company of friends. On Wednesday nights, Sunset Rink has a student night where students are admitted for just \$2. On regular afternoons, admission is \$5. A trip to Sunset Rink is a fun and affordable thing to do this break.

## Bucknellian Trivia

Q: Who is Bucknell University named after?

If you are the first person to send the correct answer to [bucknlln@bucknell.edu](mailto:bucknlln@bucknell.edu), you'll win a voucher for a free milkshake valid at the 7th Street Cafe.

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# December Dance Concert

**Juliana Rodrigues**  
Special Features Editor

Coming to the Harvey Powers Theatre on Dec. 2 and 3 is the annual Bucknell Fall Dance Concert. The dancers have been rehearsing seven pieces choreographed by three faculty members, three guest artists and one student every week.

The dance concert would also not be possible without the help of the student lighting team overseen by Heath Hansum and the costume designers under the guidance of Carly Holzwarth.

Students audition to be a part of the Bucknell Dance Company and for the concert are assigned to a piece they will rehearse and dance in. Auditions take place at the beginning of the semester, and rehearsals along with class training are mandatory for all who participate.

Courtney Wolin '23 was selected to be a student choreographer for the Dance concert this year. She took time to reflect on her experience with the Bucknell Dance Program and as a choreographer.

"These past four years, the dance program at Bucknell has been such a community and home for me on campus," Wolin said. "This is the first year, since the pandemic, where the department and concert has felt normal, and I think the dancers and friends of dancers can now see how much time we dedicate to our practice."

Wolin explained that dancers are required to be in rehearsal two hours a week as well as being enrolled in a dance class that meets two times a week.

Aside from rehearsal and class, Wolin explained their other requirements.

"Sunday master class is for the entire dance company to get together and usually learn from a professional, guest choreographer from outside the Bucknell Community. We also participate in extra community engagement, like dance workshops for kids, throughout the semester," Wolin said.

She continued, "It really is a space that you have to throw yourself into as a dancer: we are constantly sharing creative ideas and testing out new, difficult, hard tricks. This makes our bond as dancers and faculty grow as I think we can all relate to one another really well."

With concert pieces typically choreographed by guest artists or Bucknell faculty each year, a student may be chosen to do a piece: this fall it was Wolin.

"I was incredibly lucky to be chosen as a student choreographer this semester," Wolin said. "I've been on such a creative journey, you might say, this past semester working with unbelievably talented dancers – trying to challenge them while also directing something that looks pleasing to the audience compositionally."

She explained that during their sophomore year, all dance minors take the Dance Composition class and learn the different techniques needed to be a choreographer.

Having taken this class, Wolin said, "I have used this training as well as worked with lighting designers and costume designers to help my vision come to life."

"My piece this semester is called 'These Experiences,' which is based on how the different people that come into your life and the different stages of your life shape who you are at each given moment. It has been a somewhat vague and abstract topic to explore, but I am excited to share it with you all at the Bucknell Mainstage Concert coming up," Wolin added.

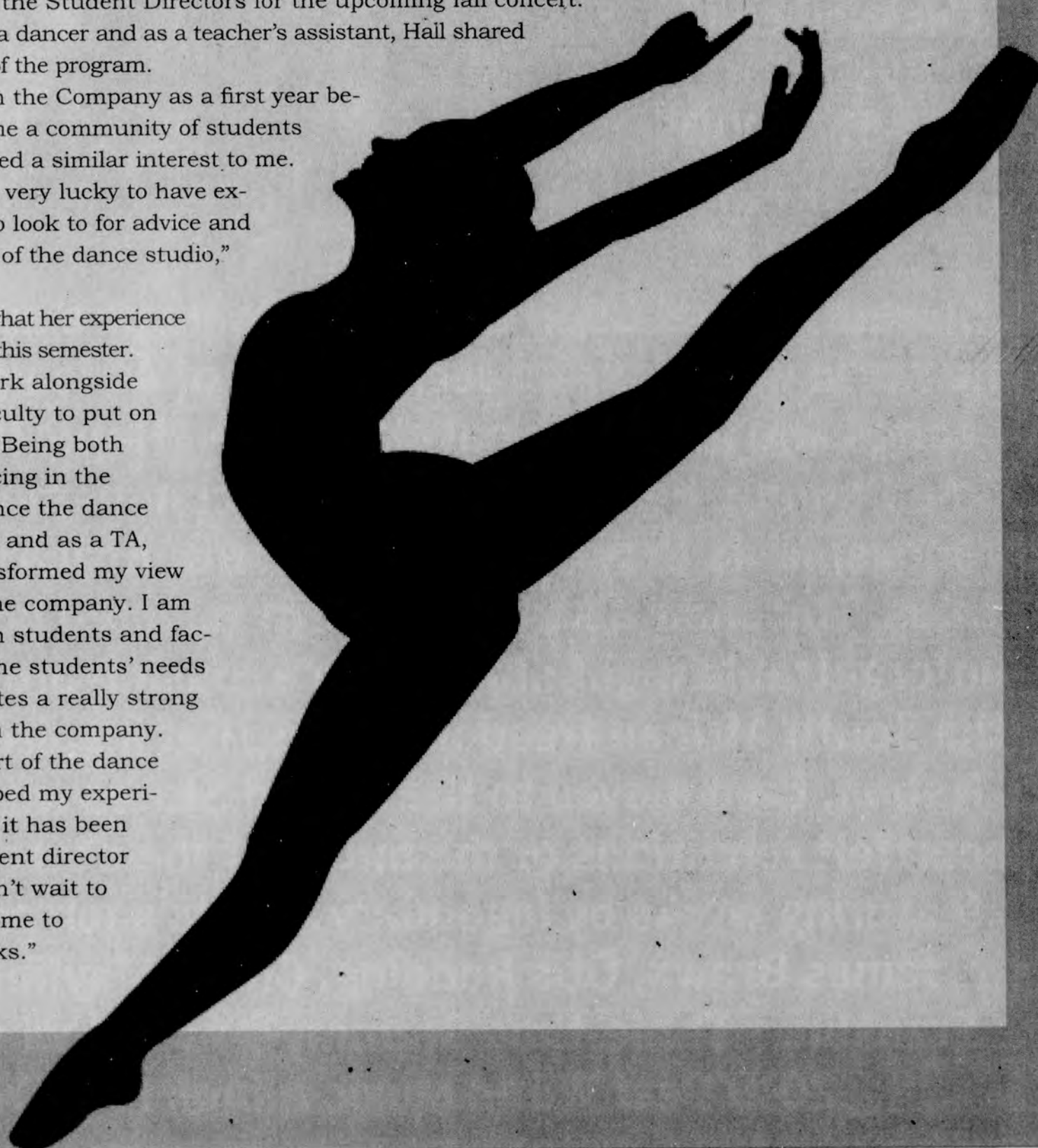
Morgan Hall '23 had been a part of the dance program since her first year at Bucknell. As an Arts Merit Scholar, she is minoring in dance and through this says she has become extremely involved with the program. Hall was selected as one of the Student Directors for the upcoming fall concert.

Having experience both as a dancer and as a teacher's assistant, Hall shared her experience being a part of the program.

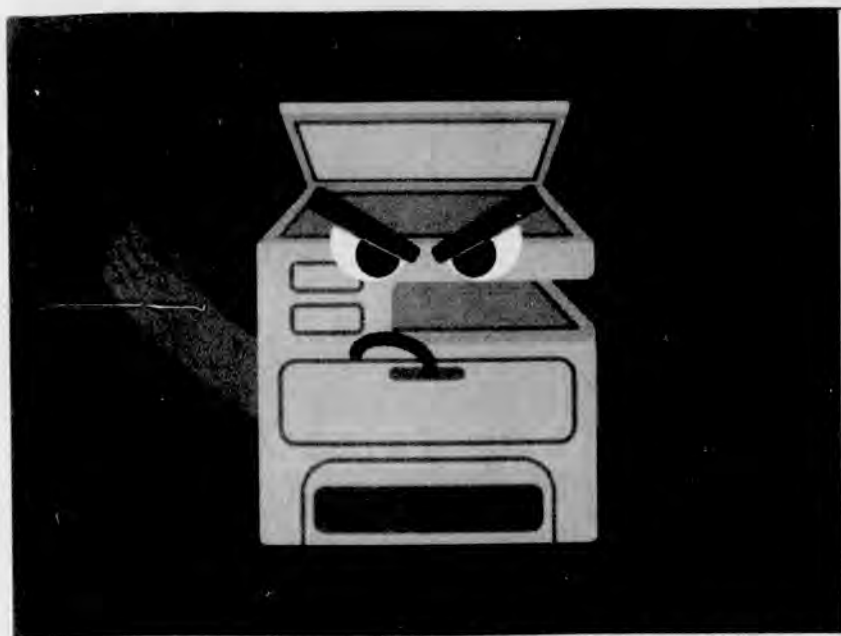
"I was really excited to join the Company as a first year because it immediately gave me a community of students across all ages that all shared a similar interest to me. As an underclassman, I felt very lucky to have experienced upperclassmen to look to for advice and inspiration both in and out of the dance studio," Hall said.

Hall continued on to share what her experience has been with the fall concert this semester.

"As student director, I work alongside the Theatre and Dance Faculty to put on our Fall Show," Hall said. "Being both student directing and dancing in the show, I am able to experience the dance program both as a student and as a TA, which has completely transformed my view of both the program and the company. I am able to be a bridge between students and faculty, informing faculty of the students' needs and vice versa, which creates a really strong sense of community within the company. I feel very lucky to be a part of the dance program, it has really shaped my experience here at Bucknell and it has been rewarding to serve as student director of BDC this semester. I can't wait to see all of our hard work come to life in just a couple of weeks."







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## Follow-Me printer problems: The printers have legs now

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Senior Writer

Oh no! Junior MechE Tess Toob forgot to print her orgo homework! No worries, she could just print at the ELC printer on her way to class.

This relief was short-lived because when she scanned her BUID at the printer, the screen read, "E: Remove Jammed Paper." Toob followed along with the printer's unnecessarily confusing video instructions and pushed every button and lever that it suggested.

To her dismay, the printer still wouldn't function. She kicked the wretched technology out of utter disgust.

When she knelt to see if she damaged the printer, she was shocked to discover that it had sprouted a pair of legs! These retractable aluminum rods came equipped with two wheels on each end.

Toob tried to escape her monstrous creation, but her efforts were futile. When leaving the ELC, she realized that the printer was following right behind her! Little did Toob know, she had initiated a printer apocalypse.

The concept of the Follow-Me Printers is simple; your work electronically "follows" you to any Follow-Me Printer on campus as long as you upload your file to MyPrint. What students didn't recognize, however, is that these printers stored their personal information. The printers copied every paper for their own files and scanned them for any identifying details.

In addition, they memorized every student's schedule based on which classes their printed assignments were

for and what buildings they were printed in. This feature allowed the printers to take their "Follow-Me" promise a little too seriously as they waited for students outside of each of their classes.

Bucknellians now scramble to escape the stampede of angry machinery that wheels around academic buildings.

Linguistics major Alf Abett '24 reported, "I was leaving Ac West yesterday and a printer was waiting for me outside - I can't escape. It called my name, I swear."

Abett shared that he will be leaving for Thanksgiving break early because of how spooked he is about the whole situation.

When The Bucknellian reached out to Library & IT Services for a statement, they admitted to arming the Follow-Me printers with leg-sprouting capabilities. They coded the legs to release when excess force was applied to the printers' exteriors.

This, they explained, would serve as a punishment against students who violated Bertrand's quiet policies. The embarrassed L&IT department added that they neglected to create a function that would return the printers to their original forms sans legs.

Students have since triggered all 43 Follow-Me Printers after furiously smacking them when they didn't work properly, unaware of the brutal consequences. Be careful leaving your dorm tonight, because there might just be a scheming printer waiting for you right outside your door.

## Sudden snowfall causes catastrophe for Thanksgiving breakers

Maximus Bean  
Satire Editor

As the student body prepared for a relaxing Thanksgiving holiday, nobody was ready for the winter onslaught that awaited them. The Christmas season reared its sickeningly cheery, holly-covered head on Tuesday the fifteenth, when a surprise bout of snowfall coated campus. As expected, this caused much chaos on campus, and the present administration regarded this act of nature as a bad move.

While the weekend was previously filled with sun, joy and warmth, this dastardly foreshadowing for the spring semester surprised everyone on campus. Students who were tanning a few days prior now found themselves buried under a full three inches of snow.

The fallout from this Lewisburg freeze left the campus in chaos. Party cars, which previously sped down 7th Street with reckless abandon, occupants cheering like animals uncaged, now ceaselessly glided across ice-bound roads. Some Students say these cars are still gliding to this day, because ice tends to be slippery.

Thankfully though, the administration has taken action: all

purchases from the Flyson are now five percent off! Meanwhile, rogue students with salt shakers stolen from the caf are doing their part to make the roads safer. While the Lewisburg slug population may take a sharp downturn, the many drivers at Bucknell can rest easy knowing that their antics will remain unpunished, both by PSafe and Mother Nature.

Although this snow presents many problems for the student body thus far, it is only a larger symptom of a wider threat: cold weather. Although many would like to deny the reality in front of them, that shorts and leggings are becoming unfashionable as of late, it is impossible to deny the increase of gloves, wool hats, puffy jackets, awful Christmas sweaters, penguin paraphernalia and scarves appearing on campus.

While Thanksgiving Breakers are all set to leave campus on the 18, nobody knows the snow will be fully melted by then, so make sure to watch it carefully. Often Santa's elves will hide in the dense, icy packets, and pelt with snowballs anyone not wearing proper Christmas attire.

## 1955 Time traveler's dystopia: Cursive is nonexistent

AJ Lawrence  
Senior Writer

**BREAKING NEWS:** Time traveler from 1955 sighted on campus!

With Thanksgiving break and the end of the semester quickly approaching, many students ignore what's going on around them in order to focus on finishing projects and studying.

And because of that "if it won't help my grades, it's not important" attitude, many students were willing to overlook the loud high pitched ringing and low-level earthquake-like tremors that came from the basement of Dana Engineering on Tuesday.

It wasn't until some professors investigated out of curiosity that they found a quite nerdy, academic-looking man standing in one of the labs, a strange rusty spherical contraption smoking behind him, raving about how "his machine worked" and continuously asking what year it was.

Upon being told that it was 2022, the man reportedly jumped up in excitement, proclaiming, "Hot dog! I've really done it!"

After further questioning from the professors, it was

found that the time travelers' name is Randal Chronus and he graduated from Bucknell in 1954. When asked what he and his contraption were doing in Dana, he pronounced that he had successfully built a time travel machine.

He explained that he was working on a time travel device as a graduate project in 1955 and that if this was 2022, it must have worked. School records confirmed his claims, showing that he disappeared that exact day in 1955, along with the classified project he was working on.

Word had gotten around campus by then about a supposed time traveler, so we here at The Bucknellian wanted to go out and interview him ourselves. Randal agreed to an interview as long as we answered his, so we started an impromptu tour of campus, pointing out newer additions and students favorite places like the quad and the Flying Bison, the name of which fully made him stop and ask, "by golly, Bison can fly now?"

All the while, Randal was explaining his time travel experience and how the

machine itself worked, mostly using lots of science mumbo jumbo none of our reporters could understand.

Everything was swell and he was enjoying our "futuristic campus," until the library and he saw all the students either using their computers or writing by hand in print. He asked a student if she was working on personal notes for a class but she explained that it was a homework assignment.

"Why is it not in cursive?" he asked. The student's response was, "Bro, nobody uses cursive anymore."

Which is true, at most professors or fancy students do a half-cursive calligraphy thing to be fancy. Still this information seemed to bother Randal quite a lot, as he started to shout in the middle of Bertrand, ranting that cursive is the only correct font for hand written assignments and that any other form is barbaric.

Randal proceeded to dramatically storm out of the library, declaring that he was leaving this wretched time period, only to be stuck due to problems with his machine.

## Management 101 sponsor beer pong championship

Kieran Calderwood  
Contributing Writer

This semester, one Management 101 company stood out in stark contrast to the others. Most students know these groups as "the dudes who sell the sweatshirts," and in years past, that description would have sufficed.

No longer. One innovative company raised its game this year and developed something truly special.

For the fundraising aspect of their work, Company A decided to eschew the typical cute bake sale or friendly dodgeball competition. Instead, these astute judges of their peer group decided to fundraise in a way that would actually elicit money from college students. They sponsored a beer pong championship.

This past Saturday, adorned in their stunning Bucknell sweatshirts, the hard-working students of Company A hosted the inaugural

Bucknell Beer Pong Bash. This ground-breaking event was hosted in the middle of the ELC, with 10 ping-pong tables set up just outside the Bison Café.

Hundreds of students showed up to exhibit their pong-playing talents, and hundreds more came just to watch the action. As throngs of enthusiasts squeezed into the ELC from every entrance point, the few studious students who had come to the ELC to receive packages quickly realized that they wouldn't be opening anything that day except possibly the pop-top on a can of beer.

Many fraternity guys and sorority gals went to this tourney in search of glory. The competition was at a very high level and utterly ruthless. As exhausted and inebriated contestants fell by the wayside, the true masters of the art fought through to

the semifinals. Each round was tougher than the last, and only the strong survived.

As the climactic final round approached, it seemed as though two brothers from Chi Phi would emerge triumphant, but the last team standing turned out to be an unlikely pair of Bucknell men. The first of these great champions was Brent Papsen, the head of student activities.

At his side was none other than University President John Bravman. Johnny B and Pappy Brent had formed a dynamic duo unlike any other. Their chemistry was undeniable: taking turns, they eliminated team after team. The synergy was beautiful.

At the end of the day, two things were certain: Johnny B's classic Armani suit had been drenched in cheap beer, and Company A had raised upwards of \$40,000 —only half your tuition!

## Students cutting class surprised by failing grades

Maximus Bean  
Satire Editor

Despite the upcoming Thanksgiving break, there is still much work to be done on campus.

Some students are cramming for last-minute exams despite having an entire week to prepare themselves, and others are just beginning their Friday-due essays. Still there are others whose bouts of senioritis are only just beginning — symptoms which only seem to manifest during the Spring semesters.

These reasons are often why professors crack down so much harder on their students during this time: without all of the stress that the extra work demands, how might these students appreciate their time off?

In a similar way to the old tradition of debts being forgiven every seven years, the end of their workload is in sight for these students,

and therefore the professors must squeeze as much effort as possible out of them before their time is up.

As much as these professors might try, however, there are still some students who don't put the work in. This is the situation of Walter Beernstein '23, whose (unusually strong) senioritis had become so severe that he was skipping all of his classes altogether.

When asked about this debilitating condition, he was reported to say "Eh, I'll take care of it later. It's my Senior year after all!"

"I don't know what's gotten into him!" One of his professors exclaimed. "One moment he was dutifully doing his work, the next, he's lounging around on his desk, saying things like 'this can wait until tomorrow,' and 'I don't need to pay attention

to this, I'm a Senior.' Now that he's gone altogether, it's really starting to get out of control!"

This professor, Dr. John Dirkawallywalla, works in the linguistics of astrophysical relations to biological objects. He usually posted an exam every week, along with a single-page essay due every Friday evening.

Despite this paucity of work being only one-fourth of the effort that these students need to go through, Professor Dirkawallywalla felt confused as to why this student and others like him were falling behind.

Then again, with Thanksgiving break so close, why would he let up now? Nonsense, it wouldn't do him good to let his students relax when an entire week of relaxation awaits them!



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## Bison Wrestling squad begins their 2022 season

Hannah Stuck  
Senior Writer

Darren Miller '23 and Nick Delp '24 were the leaders for the Orange and Blue wrestling squad this weekend — both earning the team's only wins against nationally-ranked Oklahoma State.

Miller competed in the 141-pound weight class, beating the tenth-ranked wrestler in the nation. Delp was competing at the 157-pound weight class, picking up a decisive win over his opponent.

Kurt Phipps '24 battled in his match, wrestling the No. 2 ranked wrestler in the entire country, Daton Fix. Fix is a three-time runner up at nationals, competing as a redshirt senior this year. Phipps only lost in a 4-1, while Fix improved to 74-4 in his career.

Oklahoma State took a 9-0 lead, until Miller beat Carter Young in the 141 pound class. Miller went on the offense, coming out aggressive towards Young. Miller earned a

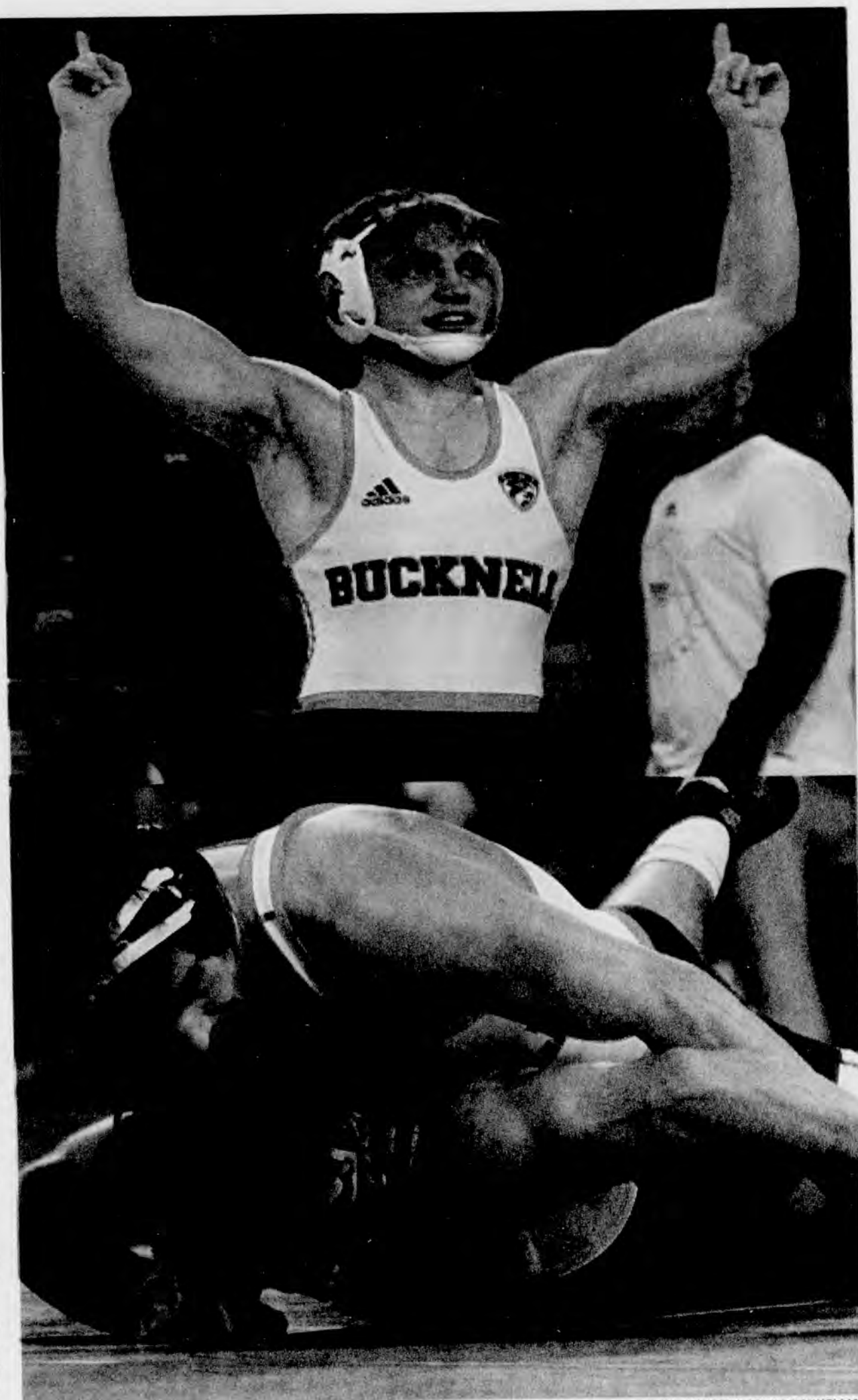
takedown only 15 seconds into the match, while Young came back late in the match to make it 3-2. Miller's ending riding time gave him the 4-2 victory.

Delp had a takedown 1:27 into the match, leading 4-2 before finishing it off with a four-point maneuver. Delp also had a lot of riding time in his match, winning in a 9-3 decision.

Oklahoma State won the rest of the matches of the day, but Logan Deacetis '25 battled very hard against No. 15 ranked Travis Wittlake. Deacetis had a takedown right as the match started, but Wittlake ended up taking a 5-4 lead at the end of the first period. With 15 seconds remaining, the score was tied 8-8.

Deacetis ended up losing the match 11-9, with Wittlake scoring some late points.

The Orange and Blue Wrestling team will continue their 2022-2023 wrestling campaign at the Navy Classic in Annapolis, Md. next Saturday Nov. 19.



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### Upcoming Events

#### Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving

- Bucknell Invitational 11/18-20

#### Men's Water Polo

- at MAWPC Championship vs Navy/Mercyhurst 11/18 7pm

#### Football

- vs Marist 11/19 1pm

#### Women's Basketball

- vs Iona 11/22 11am

#### Men's Basketball

- at Sunshine Slam 11/18-22

#### Wrestling

- at Navy Classic 11/19 9am

## Bucknell Football comes back to defeat Georgetown in overtime

Madison Rehak  
Staff Writer

This past Saturday, the Bison matched up against Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. It was a very intense game for the Orange and Blue. The first quarter consisted of Georgetown starting off with seven points on the board with a touchdown.

The Bison remained scoreless in this quarter but rallied to put points on the board as freshman Matt Schearer '26 made a 50-yard field goal for the Bison. This was the longest field goal made by a Bison since 1981.

Trailing behind the Hoyas, 7-3 at the start of the half, the Bison had to come back to win. The Hoyas came out early with a touchdown pass increasing their lead by 11 points ahead of the Bison.

The Orange and Blue quickly returned a touchdown of their own from Coleman Bennett '24 with a reception from the seven-yard line from kickoff and ran the ball into the Hoyas' end zone.

The Hoyas came back and fired another touchdown after the Bison made theirs, however, this would be the last points they put up in the game.

Schearer capitalized on yet another field goal at 30-yards, giving the Bison three extra points. At this point, the score was 21-13 with Bucknell trailing.

With only 47 seconds left in regulation Bennett made another 10-yard rush touchdown for the bison and Nick Semptimphelter '24 found Josh Gary '26 for a two

point conversion. Evening the score with the Hoyas. Bucknell put the game into overtime.

Shortly into the overtime, Schearer put the Bison over the Hoyas with a three-point, 42-yard field goal, securing the Bison's first overtime victory since 2017.

Bucknell put up 292 offensive yards, 198 of which were Semptimphelter on completing 21 of 33 passing yards, which surpassed his personal career high.

Marques Owens '25 made four receptions for 60 yards and Damian Harris '24 made four passes for 53 yards. Gavin Pringle '23 made a game winning interception, holding the Hoyas off from scoring again, securing the win for the Bison.

"I think just having a never give up mentality helped us turn-around the outcome of the game," Bennett said. "We were behind in our previous win against Lehigh, so we knew what we had to do to get the win. We believed from the time the game started that we could win and that's what we did. We had also been in overtime before against Towson and didn't get the outcome we wanted. We prepared a lot throughout the season to be able to come out victorious the next time we had to go to overtime."

The Bison will play their last game of the season against Marist at home, this Saturday. You can watch the game on ESPN+ and keep up with the live statistics on the Bucknell Athletics webpage.

## Women's Volleyball has a historic run

Lauren Medeiros  
Staff Writer

This season for the Bucknell Women's Volleyball team has been one for the books. Beating Navy in their last game of the regular season marked their first win over the Midshipmen since 2015, their first time with 15 wins since 2006 and their first time in the playoffs since 2010.

The Bison took on Navy in Annapolis, Maryland on Sunday. The Bison came back from a 2-0 deficit for the third time this season to defeat the Navy. After this win, the women secured their highest win total since 2006.

For the third straight match in a row, Patriot League Rookie of the Week Tijana Kostic '26, led the team in kills. Additionally, Kostic had six block assists and two aces.

Some other standout players in this match were Sandra Korusiewicz '23 with nine kills and four blocks, Valentina Feigl '24 with nine kills, two aces and seven blocks and Lisa Zoch '23 with five kills and one block.

Additionally, throughout the match, the Orange and Blue held a 13-4 advantage in service aces, which set a new season high record. To end the match, the two final back-to-back kills were accomplished by Feigl and Korusiewicz.

This huge, historic 3-2 win over Navy, placed the Bison as the No. 5 seed, heading into the Patriot League Tournament.

Bucknell traveled to Maryland again on Tuesday to face off against No. 4 seed Loyola Maryland in the Patriot League quarterfinals.

Unfortunately for the Bison, their memorable season came to an end, with a 1-3 loss.

To start the game, the Bison clinched the opening set 25-23 to take a 1-0 lead. The Bison came out strong and put up a good fight against Loyola. Patriot League Rookie of the Year Bri Frazilus '26, contributed six kills with no errors in the first set. Additionally, the Bison maintained momentum heading into the second set.

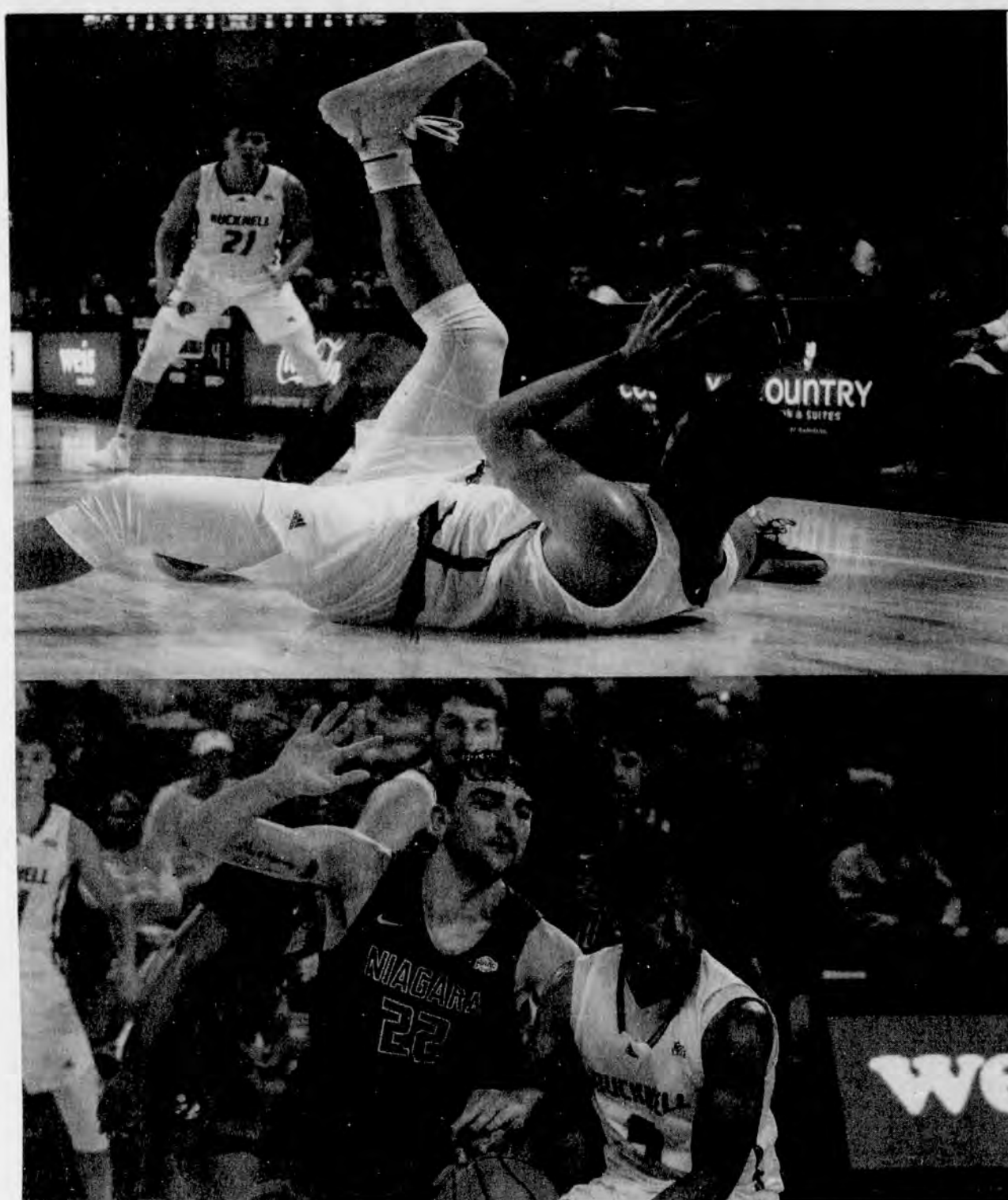
The second set was a tough battle with many back and forth points and lead changes. However, once Loyola began their hot streak, they won three sets in a row.

To end the match, the Greyhounds totaled an advantage in kills 58-39 and a 6-0 lead in service aces, while the Bison led 9-7 in blocks and 85-79 in digs. Bucknell's Second Team All-Patriot League libero Jordan Hardy '25 matched Loyola's five-time Patriot League Libero of the Year with 25 total digs.

"Obviously the game didn't end the way we wanted it to, and that definitely hurt," Zoch said. "But making playoffs this season and beating teams we haven't before shows that Bucknell Volleyball is headed in the right direction. We had a great season overall and accomplished some big things together as a team with the help of our coaches this semester. I'm excited to see what Bucknell Volleyball can do next year."

Although this was not the ending the Bison wanted, their upcoming season is looking very promising.





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## Niagara falls to Bucknell basketball, Bison lose to Peacocks

**Hugh Straine**  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Basketball improved to 2-0 this past Saturday at home after another decisive win versus Niagara 68-50. Another great offensive showing from the Bison was on display as they continue to improve.

The Bison pushed hard to establish an inside presence early with Alex Timmermann '23 and Andre Screen '24 leading in points. Bucknell leaned on high to low feeds into the post for Screen and let him create a high percentage shot with his footwork. The seven-footer dominated inside, leading to 15 points on 7-10 shooting, as well as earning four rebounds. Timmermann also contributed with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Bucknell proved again they can get hot from the outside, hitting transition three after transition three and a swarming defensive effort that led to six steals. The Orange and Blue shot

46.7 percent from three-point range on 15 attempts. They also out-rebounded Niagara 34-26.

The first half wasn't the prettiest for the Bison, as Bucknell was clinging onto a 27-23 lead at half.

After the second half began, however, the Bison looked as sharp as ever. They switched off pick-and-rolls on defense much more efficiently and forced turnovers to turn into transition offense, outscoring the Purple Eagles 41-27 in the second half.

Two other Bison scored in double figures other than Screen and Timmermann. Xander Rice '23 logged 14 points on 14 shots, and Elvin Edmonds IV '25 gave his team 12 points and five assists on 5-9 shooting.

"One of our main focuses is pounding the ball inside. [Timmermann] and I have to establish the paint presence early so that we can play inside out," Screen said.

In their match on Tuesday against St. Peters, their record fell to 2-1 — with the final score being 82-71 in favor of the Peacocks.

Rice was the points leader of the day, earning 19 points and six assists. Screen and Timmerman proved themselves skillful again by both scoring in the double digits as well, with Screen contributing 18 points and Timmerman scoring 14.

The Bison actually outshot the Peacocks 54.1 percent to 51.6 percent, was only punished with eight fouls and outscored their opponents in free throws, 17-5, but it was the opportunities on rebounds that ultimately decided their fate.

The Bison will compete again this weekend in the Greenlight Sunshine Slam, facing Georgia, Presbyterian and either University of Albany or Austin Peay. There, the Bison hope to earn more wins.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

*Tijana Kostic '26*



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## Profile

### Sport

Volleyball

### Hometown

Burr Ridge, Ill

### High School

Lyons Township

### Position

Opposite

**Caleb Wooten**  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Bison Volleyball capped off a historic regular season with an impressive win at Navy, coming back from being down two sets to win the game versus Navy. This win was the first versus Navy since 2015, and the win advanced the squad to an overall record of 15-10, the highest win total since 2006.

Tijana Kostic '26 came up huge in the victory, racking up a career-high 19 kills along with six block assists. Kostic's 19 kills came on 46 total attempts, and the Illinois native posted just five errors for a .304 hitting percentage. It was the third straight match that the star freshman has led the team in kills. Kostic's performance earned her Patriot League Rookie of the Week for the second week in a row.

When looking at the team's performance, Kostic was very pleased with how the team responded to adversity.

"We knew that with this being the last regular season game of the year, we needed to use this game as a stepping stone going into the tournament," Kostic said. "Everyone was really focused on shifting the momentum once we went down in the game and did so with a lot of intensity and aggressiveness. The support system we have is awesome and it really carried us through this game."

Outside of this performance, the Orange and Blue have had a phenomenal season and are doing things that haven't been done within the program in decades.

"We've been taking the top teams in the league to five sets all year. I think it was really key we were able to finish this game. This year, we've really shown the league what the Bucknell program can be. I think our success is due to the hard work we've put in all year. We strive for success every time we step on court and it has shown this year. I'm really proud to be part of the program and am looking forward to what's to come," Kostic said.

This Bucknell volleyball team has consistently risen above expectations and proven the rest of the league wrong. After being ranked eighth in the preseason coaches poll, the squad finished top five in the league, boasting multiple All-League members. Going into next year, this team has a lot to look forward to, as the future of Bucknell Volleyball is as bright as ever.

### Career Stats

- Season-high 19 kills and 24 points at Navy

- High School American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American and All-Region selection

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# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### The World Cup Commences

Kaylee Donnelly  
Senior Writer

Several controversies have arisen as the World Cup kicks into action in Qatar. The first game of the tournament opened on Nov. 20 with Qatar taking on Ecuador.

The first controversy is how the World Cup even got to Qatar in the first place. After the announcement of the 2022 World Cup being located in Qatar 12 years ago, many have been wondering how a small Arab country managed to win the votes of the FIFA representatives. Allegations surrounding corruption, vote-swapping and links to trade deals appeared immediately.

According to the United States Department of Justice, FIFA officials took bribes in order to secure the hosting rights, both from Qatar for the 2022 tournament but also from Russia for the 2018. Although the United States is adamant in this declaration, there is no international confirmation of bribes being accepted.

Qatar is an interesting venue for the World Cup. With a small sports and even smaller soccer culture, Qatar seemed an unlikely place to host. The climate is rather brutal for professional athletes, with hot-desert like conditions that make it unfavorable to play in typical open-aided stadiums. Qatar seems to have managed around this by building enclosed stadiums with air conditioning, although this quickly came under scrutiny of climate activists.

Being announced as the host of the World Cup ultimately put Qatar under the microscope of the international community. After its introduction twelve years ago, the nation's human rights issues began to emerge, as spoken about in a previous article along with the treatment of migrant workers, the rights of women and the

treatment of the LGBTQ+ community.

The treatment of the LGBTQ+ community seems to have become a large controversy internationally. In Qatar, same-sex relations are illegal, and being convicted can land you sentenced to seven years of prison. A World Cup ambassador from Qatar was quoted saying violently homophobic things towards the community.

Human Rights Watch also reported that some member from the Qatari community were detained, and abuses by the country's police service for associations with same-sex activity.

Many players and countries have expressed their discontentment with the attitudes coming from Qatar, and the United States even redesigned their crest to incorporate the rainbow flag. It's a huge statement coming from the

men's team, which has the new crest posted in the Al Gharrafa SC stadium where the team played.

Qatar also warned fans against bringing in any pork or anything sexual.

The last controversy takes the form of alcohol. It's no secret that, at least in Europe and the United States, drinking is a large part of sports culture. Despite this, a Qatari World Cup organizer asserted that alcohol is not a part of Qatar's culture, and therefore will not be easily accessible during the tournament. Officials have reportedly moved beer tents into secluded areas, increasing the price on alcohol and limiting customers to four drinks in order to limit consumption.

In response to this, some fans have created an underground map of alcohol, outlining places in Qatar where fans can get a drink despite the culture against alcohol.

It's been shared around the internet, although a warning is tacked onto the trend regarding the safety of traveling around the area.

In response to the negative press, it seems that Qatar has been trying to improve their image on social media. Videos have been appearing across different platforms that seem to show parades of fans for different countries, however many of the fans appear to be Qatari. It has left people questioning whether or not the videos are authentic and if Qatar has paid some of its citizens to pretend to be cheering for other countries.

Despite all of this, the World Cup has commenced. Besides watching along to see how the United States performs this year, it also may be helpful to watch along to see how these controversies continue to flesh out, and if any more come to light.

## Another impressive season for Women's Soccer

Charlotte Dursee  
Staff Writer

After winning the Patriot League Championship in penalty kicks, the women's soccer team entered the NCAA tournament. The Bison traveled to Columbus, Ohio to take on The Ohio State in the first round. The Bison were minutes away from a third penalty shootout when Ohio State managed to score the only goal to end the match.

This game against Ohio State marked the Bison's sixth appearance in the NCAA tournament and their first match to go into extra time without letting up any goals. The Bison have had six shutouts through their last seven games and have only let up one goal in those seven.

The Blue and Orange's defense held the team together. The defensive back line, Meghan White '26,

Olivia DeConinck '25, Brooke Tracey '24 and Katie Schiano '25 played the entirety of the game and prevented Ohio State from scoring for 106 minutes. Keeper Jenna Hall '24 once again had an impressive performance with eight saves.

Despite only having eight shots on goal, the Bison had two of the best opportunities to score in regulation. Abby Gearhart '23 came close after getting past two Ohio State defenders with the help of a quick pass from Petie Nassetta '23. Gearhart's shot was blocked by a diving save from the opposing team's keeper.

Another close opportunity came in minute 83 when Hannah Stuck '24 got her head on White's free kick. Despite the ball reaching the

back of the net, the referees called a foul on Stuck and waved off the goal.

Ohio State's winning goal came in the minute 107 of the match.

"My team and I were extremely proud of our season this year! We proved ourselves once again to the entire league," Hall said. "Also, the NCAA thought very highly of us to put us against a number six seed Ohio State rather than a number one or number two seed like last year."

The Bison ended their outstanding season with a record of 8-6-6. They had 11 shutouts and finished with 15 goals in just 20 games.

"We are planning on putting in a ton of work during this off season to prepare once again for a strong season in the fall," Hall said.

## Women's Basketball puts up a fight against Virginia Tech

Brooke Tracey  
Staff Writer

The Bison women's basketball team continued its non-conference play this past week. The team traveled down to Blacksburg, Va. to face off against No. 13 ranked Virginia Tech on Friday, Nov. 11. The Orange and Blue battled closely for the entirety of the game, but the Hokies were able to pull away in the end.

From the opening whistle, the Bison were eager to get on the board, leading the Hokies 11-10 in the first quarter until a three-point buzzer beater gave the Hokies the lead.

They continued to fight, putting up 12 points in the second quarter to the Hokies' 18. Entering half-time, the Bison were only trailing by eight points.

The Orange and Blue outshot the Hokies 41.9 percent to 38.1 percent, however, were unable to capitalize on as many of those chances as their opponent.

The score remained close in the third quarter, but in the fourth,

Virginia Tech finally pulled away with a 11-0 run. The game ended 67-41 in favor of the Hokies.

Despite the score, the Bison had many notable performances. Cecelia Collins '25 anchored the Bison attack with 13 points, closely followed by Emma Theodorsson '26 with 10 points.

Defensively, the Bison were stout, with key blocks coming from Grace Sullivan '26, Isabella King '25 and Emma Shaffer '23.

"It was a great opportunity to learn about ourselves," Shaffer said. "I think we did not back down and put up a great fight. We took many things away and will continue to work on those things to grow on the momentum. It feels great to be playing in Sojka this week and I'm excited for this team and our games in the future!"

The Bison will return to Lewisburg for their 2022-23 season home opener at Sojka Pavilion. They face off against Fairleigh Dickinson on Nov. 16 at 6 p.m.

## Bucknell Cross Country closes season with strong finish at Mid-Atlantic Regional

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The Bucknell Men and Women's Cross Country Team competed at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship on Friday.

The men's team placed twenty-third, with Sam Whittaker '23 at the head, placing 12 out of 181 runners. Whittaker completed the 10k course with the time of 30:39.5.

Also finishing in a top 100 spot was teammate Bobby Lynam '25 (sixty-third, 31:39.4). This was Lynam's first showing in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meet. Also scoring for the Bison were Henry Didden '26 (106, 32:24.4), Noah Martin '23 (108, 32:27.2), and Ben Santos '25 (110, 32:27.8).

On the women's side, the team placed twelfth overall, led

by Mia Bellucci '23 and Keely Misutka '25.

Bellucci finished sixty-third (22:01.1) with teammate Misutka close behind (sixty-sixth, 22:05.7). Caryn Rippey '26 (seventy-fifth, 22:11.4), Ally Clarke '24 (seventy-eighth, 22:15.6) and Abby Paczewski '24 (eighty-first, 22:19.6) also earned scoring positions for the Bison.

"This was a really good weekend for the team after a disappointing league meet," Clarke said. "We had a strong pack and were excited to place above our seed and beat Lehigh. We're happy to be ending the season on a high note, now it's time for some much needed rest before the indoor season."

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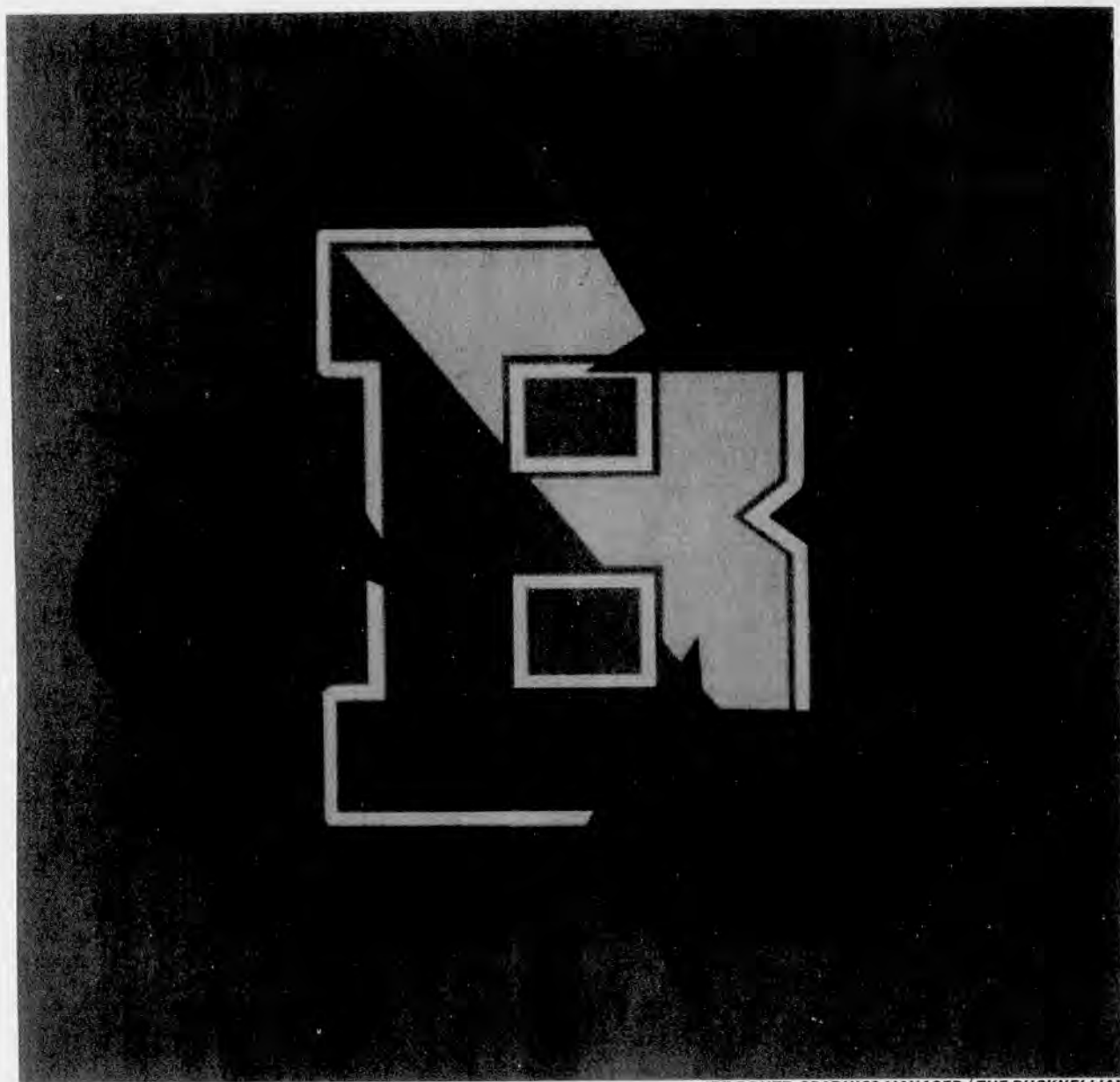
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## Step-by-step guide to recycling the right way



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One of the most overlooked conundrums of modern society is the topic of recycling. I for one have made the crucial mistake of putting waste in recycling bins, and recyclables in waste bins. And to be frank, until I joined the sustainability committee, I did not think anything of it.

It is common for society to neglect problems such as these since they do not directly impact our everyday lives. However, after taking the time to research the impacts of tossing waste in recycling bins, I was shocked that I was willingly contributing to one of society's most pressing issues.

It was foolish of me to completely disregard a problem that I thought to be negligible, given the vast repercussions that are associated with the issue at hand. It is true that placing recyclable items in a trashcan is not a pressing topic. In most cases, our trash either is sent to waste-to-energy facilities or landfills, which protect our environment from contaminants. Thus, if recyclable items accidentally end up in landfills, they can still be converted into energy, proving that this is not the problem where we should be directing our attention.

The real problem lies in the waste that ends up in recycling

bins. Not only does this waste contaminate the real recyclables that are meant to better the environment, but it also creates issues at the plants that process the recyclables.

Hoses, plastic bags and string lights that make their way to the plants can severely damage equipment and require tens of thousands of dollars to repair. On top of this, misplaced shards of glass can put the well-being of workers at risk, as oftentimes these workers need to handpick items out of piles.

Though the issue of contamination does not lead to broken machines or injured plant workers, it can negatively impact recyclables that have

already been processed. One toxin mixed in with a load of hundreds of processed recyclables is enough to spoil the entire batch. Unwanted pests create unclean conditions. The most commonly recycled products are greasy pizza boxes and jars caked with peanut butter.

While boxes and jars are classified as recyclables in theory, most people do not ensure that these items are wiped clean before they are tossed into a recycling bin. A recyclable immediately becomes waste the instant it comes in contact with food. Under no circumstances should the remnants of food ever make their way into a recycling bin, as the

percentage of true recyclables will dwindle.

We must stop disregarding the pressing issues that are plaguing the world around us. Just because an issue does not directly affect us does not mean that we should continue to preserve the very actions that are causing them.

Every item correctly recycled is a repair job prevented, a plant worker assisted and a sustainability goal met. Join me in turning selfishness into selflessness by making sure that recycling is carried out in the very way it was designed. Conduct the proper research and contribute to a healthier environment, one step at a time.

## Conversations that aren't smooth like butter

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Thanksgiving, the holiday when we're forced to see our long lost family members that we forgot existed, but somehow know everything about us. We long for the store-bought rolls and butter that end up on everyone's dish, but fear the conversations that flow in between.

Many of us have trauma from 2020 Thanksgiving, when we had to get four Covid-19 tests to see our cousins and the topics waiting to be discussed were scarier than ever considering the election had just ended weeks prior.

I suppose 2019 could have been worse, in anticipation of the new year of debates and protests when everything was still up in the air. Needless to say, the holiday has been especially daunting for the last few years and has become something that we no longer love.

Politics is probably the thing that comes to mind when we think about scary Thanksgiving conversations — skewed views, in particular. It's rare that every part of your family has the same view on politics and how things work.

Usually, the older members tend to lean towards a more conservative standpoint, whether that falls into the Democratic or Republican party (or even another). Younger members often have more progressive ideals, though this is not always the case.

Whatever the case may be, there are always points where we butt heads. It's hard not to do so in a setting with people who you have instinctual animosity for.

Nevertheless, Thanksgiving can ignite the fire more than we think.

Adolescents get it the worst from relatives. The badgering questions about how you're doing in classes, what you did to your hair and when you're going to get a significant other. It can also be especially horrifying for teens and young adults that have used their freedom to find themselves, and maybe make discoveries that were too scary to discuss at home. Maybe kids who have found a new religion, or chose to let go of religion all together.

Maybe someone who discovered the pre-med track is not for them, and music is. Maybe young people who have opened up and realized that their sexuality isn't straight, or their gender identity isn't one they were born with. Whatever it may be, college is a time when beautiful pieces of yourself become apparent and you find yourself in many ways, but returning home after such discoveries can be severely heart-breaking, especially when family members are stuck in old ideals.

So, how do we navigate all of these conversations at Thanksgiving? There is no one right answer. Families all have different dynamics, some more open than others. The solution that many seem to stick to is changing the subject or avoiding certain topics all together. Yet, there's always that one uncle who can't help himself and starts it up just to feel something; we keep changing the subject until we find one interesting enough, and everyone is content.

My favorite topic is whatever new true crime case came out on "Unsolved Mysteries," and we all give our two cents on what we think actually happened. What I personally like to do at Thanksgiving, though, is find allies. Usually it's my sister or my cousins that share the same beliefs as me, or ones close enough.

When you get to the dinner, establish the bond. Then you have a team when your family tries to wage a political war, or even a personal one. You're set.

What happens when you actually feel uncomfortable or unsafe, though? Not everybody can shoot the breeze and leave at the end of the night with nothing having changed. Some don't have this privilege.

So, what if someone says something outing you, or exposes something about you that was only allowed to thrive in a campus far away? This sort of thing can have detrimental effects, especially when you aren't ready to reveal every layer of your identity. What can we do? How can we survive this?

Well, like I said, having people on your side doesn't just count for political debates, it's also vital when you feel cornered. Having a support system is the best thing you can do. It's okay to not be able to balance on your own, it's not about strength or courage. Sometimes, we just need help. We have to find people that can fight with us, whether that be over the phone or in person at the Thanksgiving table.

## Holiday season manifestation

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There's magic in the air. Joy is currently making its way past your brain's version of TSA — trying to not be late for what should be the best time of the year. Joy is eagerly waiting to make this holiday season everything you need it to be — for you and everyone you love.

What do you do to prepare for an abundant season? What do you consider to be positively abundant in your life? How do you contribute to life's mysterious process when it comes to bringing you to certain situations?

Regardless of your answers to these questions, I highly recommend working toward manifesting everything you want/need. When I say manifesting, I don't mean you have to be on your Wandavision behavior; light some unscented candles and levitate over your 5' x 7' rug to get what you want... unless you want to.

What I (actually) mean is investing your time and energy into people/activities that not only make you feel warm but also support your vision(s) of the future. Manifestation is not an

overnight, silent-spoken miracle; it's constant awareness of the energy around you, a willingness to listen to your angels (in all their forms) and being open to redirection.

How many times have you asked the universe for something and you didn't get it? Then, you realized that what you didn't receive was actually much better for your life. Yes, it hurts. Yes, it's confusing at first, but when you realize there is something divine guiding you to the place you need to be, you realize everything was worth it.

Some of my tips for more intentional, goal-oriented money moves:

1. Keep a journal and write down what you want in life and come up with a plan to get there!
2. Listen to music and podcasts that motivate you but also remind you to relax.
3. Talk about your goals/dreams with friends and family — especially people that will be there for you/hold you accountable.
4. Be kind to yourself.



# Letter to the Editor: Princeton Review ranks Bucknell in the Top 50 Green Colleges

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Congratulations Bucknell University for being ranked 40 out of 455 schools in the Princeton Review Guide to Green Colleges: 2023 edition.

For 13 years, The Princeton Review has ranked colleges' and universities' performances as environmentally aware and prepared institutions. The main critiques include a healthy and sustainable campus quality of life for students, the preparedness of students to go into environmentally focused careers and opportunities and overall how environmentally responsible the school's policies are.

While being ranked 40 is an amazing feat, and shows the great effort of our community, looking at what is examined to make the list and seeing what our fellow institutions are doing will show where Bucknell is lacking, and potentially give us ideas to push ourselves to do better.

First, it is important to acknowledge what Bucknell is doing well, and dissect what criteria we have met so far to make the top 50 Green Colleges. A few questions that Bucknell was asked to

collect data for included our transit programs and walkable campus, the environmental studies program and environmental connections requirements and LEED-certified buildings.

We also have numerous student lead groups, including the newly founded environmental honors society Epsilon Eta, and faculty members that are dedicated to creating a sustainable campus.

While we have this infrastructure and studies programs in place to reduce pollution and encourage sustainable career paths, and a dedicated student and faculty body, there are some questions on the list that Bucknell most likely didn't score so greatly on.

The first is Bucknell's overall waste diversion rate. For an institution to be considered zero waste, 90 percent of waste generated on campus must be diverted from the landfill. Currently, Bucknell is at about 49 percent waste diversion with most of the waste being leaf litter and landscaping mulch.

There must be action taken to encourage the reduction

of food waste and improve recycling infrastructure and practices from the university and student body. The other question on the list asks what a university's plan is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Bucknell needs to adopt a formal plan that outlines a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and waste diversion by a certain year. Having this type of pressure from a goal will hopefully push forward more green initiatives on campus and create accountability.

Bucknell University should not settle for fortieth place on the Green College list. As a student body, remember that the little steps, such as recycling correctly, are important. We should also be pushing and holding Bucknell accountable to do more.

The colleges ranked higher on the list should be looked at to see how we can implement something similar on our campus. Hopefully, The Princeton Review Guide to Green Colleges is not just a pat on the back for our sustainability efforts, but a push for Bucknell University to do more.

# Datawrapper offers new opportunities for student projects

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Many of the tools surrounding presentations, slideshows and graphs remain repetitive and limit our abilities to express our creativity.

Datawrapper is a tool used to build charts, maps and tables that utilizes a wide range of different features to make your visualizations truly unique. Datawrapper allows students to immerse themselves in different dynamics to display graphs, charts and maps.

Datawrapper's initial target demographic was surprisingly not students, but journalists and researchers that would use the application to display on different media sources. Some of these media outlets include the New York Times, Vox and Wired.

When the program made its way to universities, students saw this as an opportunity to expand beyond just general bar graphs. In terms of user accessibility, the program is extremely user friendly and there are different tutorials to catch beginners up to speed quickly.

When entering and creating a graph, the website will give you four options for inputting and using data. First off, you can simply copy and paste a data table within the interface, by using an algorithm Datawrapper will distribute that data into a map, graph etc. The second option is by uploading a XLS/CSV file directly from your desktop. In order to make a spreadsheet a CSV file, simply save the file directly as a CSV and move directly to your desktop.

The third option for uploading was the most common technique

within our Foundations class, which was directly connecting a Google Sheet using the URL. The last option for uploading is using a link to an alternative dataset, which is any source besides excel and Google Sheets.

The next step before choosing your visualization is verifying your data, and making sure that Datawrapper's algorithm uploaded it correctly. Next, simply choose your visualization type, with over 20 different chart options and additional mapping options.

Datawrapper has a plethora of different ways to display your data. The map options include a choropleth map, a symbol map and a locator map.

Using the 2022 midterm elections as an example, a choropleth map could display the different counties that were either red or blue. The symbol map could show voter density across the country or state. Finally, the locator map could display the different voting polls inside of specific cities; simply critique different variables such as, the title, colors, axes, etc. and upload.

Datawrapper also has the feature for creators to determine whether their data visualizations are accessible to color blind people. This ensures that creators' graphs are able to be interpreted by every one of their readers, which many people may not think about. You will then have produced a professional data visualization graph or map, and can use the gallery feature to see different visualizations that have been created.



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# Backpedaling on crime

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Burlington, Vt., has seen a sharp increase in the number of stolen bikes coming into early 2022 — The New York Times reports more than 200 bikes stolen from June through August alone.

The community felt that local police were not adequately acting on these thefts and created the Facebook group "BVT Stolen Bike Report and Recovery" in order to connect community members in the search of these stolen bikes. Michael Corkery, a reporter with The New York Times, connects this rise in property crime to a larger stream of crime across the U.S. and its major cities.

In Burlington alone, The Washington Post explains that thefts and "street level crimes" are on the rise in the midst of a smaller police force and understaffing following George Floyd's murder. But this article notes the regions that are not facing understaffing are still experiencing higher rates of crime, which might be a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic has led to an innumerable amount of distress on local and global scales while also being coupled with an economic downturn that has created widespread economic hardship as people battle unemployment. This

is not to mention the ways that the pandemic has transformed the way we connect with others.

Thus, the pandemic is naturally a target to blame for more violence as communities struggle to adapt and survive to the current economic and social conditions.

How does crime data contribute to the problem? The Washington Post identifies holes in the data collection of the FBI along with a mismatch between the FBI's findings and both the CDC and The National Crime Victimization Survey's findings apropos of crime.

Justin Fox from The Washington Post explains that the FBI is working towards a new data system, which is leading to holes in the information provided to them by police. Additionally, violent crime was not reported by the FBI to have spiked during the pandemic while homicides had increased 34 percent from before the pandemic into 2021.

The CDC reported a higher US homicide rate than the FBI and while the National Crime Victimization Survey has similar statistics to the FBI on violent crime; it also reported a spike in property crime in the largest cities since 2016 where the FBI does not.

It is evident that data reporting is not standardized and sources have their own definitions as to what each type of crime constitutes when deciding what should be counted and what should not.

We have seen the topic of crime become a major focus in the U.S. midterm elections, and if we want our politicians and policymakers to drive change in regions facing the most crime, they need accurate and up-to-date data. Otherwise, issues might be downplayed or certain types of crime that were misreported as more frequent than others might take precedence in conversations.

Data drives decision making. It is used to identify problems and serve as a context for solutions. We cannot expect adequate solutions to come out of fragmented data. Cities and neighborhoods like Burlington are eager to find solutions to the rise in property crime in their area, but simply finding the missing bikes does not reach the root of the problem.

It is important that community members are not left alone to fight crime in their area, but are supported by local and national government leaders to realize actionable and effective change.

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# The Stories of First-Year Random Roommates

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As a residential college, one of the requirements for first-year students are their random roommate assignments. Students of other colleges may have opportunities to try and connect with classmates before arriving at school to select their roommate, but for first-years not on a sports team, everyone goes random. Coming to college is entering a new environment and to live in a small space with a stranger can be a daunting concept to many. In the summer students are asked to fill out a form that helps to pair them with a student they would potentially live well with. Some students admit that before moving in their first year, they questioned what paired them to the roommate they got, but from this system comes the story of many friendships between Bucknell students.

## Grace and Gwen



Grace Overend '24 and Gwen Scopelliti '24 were randomly assigned to live together in Vedder their first year at Bucknell. Still roommates three years later, they shared their story with the Bucknellian.

"Bucknell was one of my top choices for school," Overend said. "I was on a tour before applying and when we passed a first year dorm the guide stopped to explain that everyone is assigned a random roommate. After hearing this I was so nervous I told my parents I wasn't even sure if I wanted to apply ED anymore."

Overend explained that after more consideration she did not let the tour change her mind and she stuck with the decision to apply early decision to Bucknell. She was accepted, and mid-summer of 2020 she was assigned Scopelliti as her roommate.

"I reached out to Gwen through social media but we didn't talk much before coming to school," Overend said. "On move in day we hit it off immediately, even my parents said they saw that. We realized how much we had in common and were bonding so quickly."

The roommates explained that they made great memories their first year together and have chosen to live in a double the past two years as well. Scopelliti shared what it's like living together three years later.

"It's gotten to the point where we think out loud," Scopelliti said. "Multiple times people have asked 'what do Grace and Gwen do all day' and most of the time I don't think we even have an answer for that. On a daily basis one of our closest friends mixes up our names in almost every sentence. She admits that it's hard with two G's it seems most people just associate us together."

Overend added to that point saying, "If I'm not with Gwen people always ask me where she is."

The two shared that even after these three years of living in the same room they will be choosing to live together their senior year in the same house. Scopelliti explained that she will be going abroad to Australia in the spring semester, Overend will be remaining in Lewisburg and it will be her first time living here in a single.

When asked about their favorite memories over the years they explained that their first year in Vedder has by far been their favorite and was also their favorite room.

"Our Roberts double was definitely the nicest but if I could go back somewhere for another night without a doubt it would be Vedder," Scopelliti said.

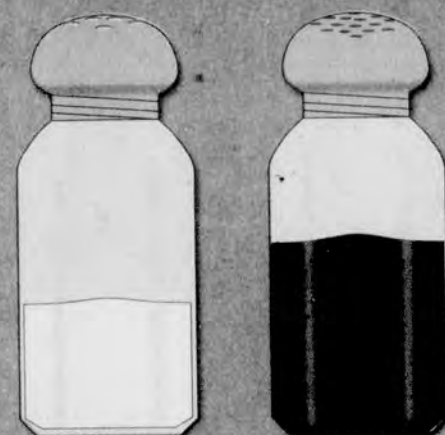
## Molly and Caroline

Molly Tuthill '24 and Caroline Moriarty '24 are another set of first year roommates that three years later are still living together. Although no longer in the same room they now share a gateway with two friends they also met during their first year.

Moriarty shared her experience getting to know her random roommate during their first year at Bucknell.

"Going into freshman year, I was definitely nervous about having a random roommate," Moriarty said. "I was nervous I would not live well with them, but as soon as we moved in our first year, I knew it would be no issue with Molly. I quickly realized how funny she is, how easy it was to live with her, and we became close very fast."

Moriarty explained that they did not live together their sophomore year with Tuthill being an RA but they still remained very close friends. "We always stayed very close and had the same group of friends which made things even more exciting. We are now roommates again which is so fun and such a full circle moment. I am so thankful to Bucknell housing for pairing me with Molly who has become one of my best friends."



## Not a Positive Connection for Everyone

While many students are able to make a new friend through the random roommate process some students don't click. Jason Rohrbaugh '24 shared his experience.

"Unfortunately I didn't make the connection with my first year roommate that many others do," Rohrbaugh said. "Lots of my friends are still very close with the first roommate they had here, but my situation was just a bit different. We didn't have as much in common as others did and while I think we both made an effort throughout the year it did not result in any type of lasting friendship."





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## Jake Tapper speaks to campus community about future of American democracy

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Conspiracy theories and social media played a major role in the outcome of the midterm elections, according to Jake Tapper, when he and University President John Bravman spoke as part of the Bucknell Forum Speaker Series.

Tapper, the lead Washington anchor at CNN, has served as a reporter in the nation's capital for more than 20 years in a number of positions. He is the anchor of “The Lead with Jake Tapper,” which started in 2013, and has hosted CNN's show, “State of the Union,” since 2014.

The results of the 2022 midterm elections surprised many Washington insiders, Tapper said, when asked about his recent coverage by Bravman.

“They generally thought it was gonna be a better night for Republicans than it ended up being,” Tapper said. “The voters have been surprised and look,

at the end of the day, that's the great thing about America. It's up to the voters.”

Conspiracy theories were overhanging this midterm election season, Tapper said, with many mainstream politicians rising through the ranks by perpetuating these theories. Doug Mastriano, a former candidate for Pennsylvania governor that lost the 2022 election, and Donald Trump were both mentioned by Tapper for pushing those theories to constituents.

One false conspiracy that Trump popularized among his voter base was the distrusting of the 2020 election results, something that Tapper said is, “not based on facts.” Trump's insistence of that conspiracy led directly to an insurrection in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6, 2021.

Bravman asked Tapper about how he feels about the role of social media in sharing these conspiracy theories and the future of Twitter under the ownership of Elon Musk.

“I don't know what he's doing with Twitter,” Tapper said.

When Twitter censored the Washington Post for posting an article about Hunter Biden's laptop, Tapper said he “wasn't comfortable” and that he understands why many people consider it an overreach.

He said another problem with social media, and media in general, is that many people live in an “echochamber” where they only consume content that pushes the same viewpoints that they already hold and don't choose to hear other opinions. Polarization in the country grows stronger from this practice, he said.

“The goal is not to have Democrats and Republicans agree, or liberals and conservatives agree. I think the goal is just to not have a demonization,” Tapper said.

Arya Bedi '23, an international relations major who attended a discussion with Tapper and a group of students prior to the speaker series event, said she appreciated

Tapper's hope for the future of democracy.

“I think it is really moving to have experienced a journalist who is truly a servant leader, and remains neutral and unbiased, especially living in a nation with such polarization and rigid party lines,” Bedi said. “To have a true, honest discussion with someone who reports for the greater good, and not for his own ego was incredibly inspiring and gives me hope for the future of America.”

The Bucknell Forum brought Condoleezza Rice, the first female African American Secretary of State and the first woman to serve as National Security Adviser, in September. Three more events are planned for the speaker series this year.

Guest speakers John Kasich, the former governor of Ohio, and David Axelrod, a former advisor to President Obama, are scheduled to speak together on Feb. 28, and Barbara Walter '86, a scholar of civil wars and an author, is expected to speak on April 4.

## Student spotlight: Doctors in Italy program

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Rain DeLucia '23 traveled to Genoa, Italy to further her education in medicine by shadowing doctors and attending lectures hosted by Italian health professionals for two weeks this past August.

DeLucia, a biochemistry major, was able to gain valuable experience and insight into the medical field while exploring Genoa and surrounding Italy.

After applying for the program in February, undergoing an interview process and being accepted in April, DeLucia was notified she would be shadowing professionals at Galliera Hospital in Genoa, which was built in 1877 by the Duchess of Genoa with a capacity of 450 beds.

“I was pre-med, and I wanted to be a doctor and needed shadowing hours,” DeLucia said. “I always wanted to go to Italy, and it seemed like a great way to do both. The two-week program guaranteed 40 hours of experience shadowing professionals as well as weekly trips on Friday aimed at allowing students to explore surrounding Italy. Genoa attracted students from all over the world due to its less urban setting than that of Rome or Milan, where the program is hosted in addition to Genoa.”

DeLucia spoke of how the program changed her

understanding of the career she wanted to pursue upon graduation in May, saying that the program unexpectedly exposed her to the cultural differences in medicine, most notably the emphasis placed on preventative medicine in primarily socialist countries such as Italy.

“Italian doctors seem especially invested in patient care and preventative measures. Dr. Picciotto, a doctor whose lecture we listened to, gives his patients his personal phone numbers in order to be easily accessible to all of his patients,” DeLucia said. “I admired how he has dedicated his life to medicine and being a doctor.”

“I realized after the program that I was more interested in conducting research in order to study bioactive in food and how it can affect our health,” DeLucia said. “It deterred me from being a physician because I want to be more involved in preventative medicine, and research will intersect more directly with this interest.”

Despite DeLucia making the decision to change the path of her future career, she maintains that the experience was educational in many ways, including both medical and cultural.

“I got to be in the operating room, and I was a few feet away from the surgeon that was operating,” DeLucia

said. “The patient was a man they were doing a double surgery on to remove his jaw, which was filled with cancer, while also removing part of his tibia to replace the jawbone they had just removed. I was in there for about three hours, but the surgery itself lasted about eight hours.”

DeLucia also had experience in other sectors of the hospital, including geriatrics, orthopedic surgery and anesthesiology. She believes the most difficult part of the program was the language barrier that existed between doctors and students, as the program had indicated that proficiency in Italian was not a requirement for admission.

At the end of each day, the students had free time after returning home from the hospital to explore Genoa. The city is on the coast, making the beaches and surrounding city streets popular with students and tourists, as well as its notable cuisine.

DeLucia plans to take a gap year following graduation in order to apply for AmeriCorps positions as well as Ph.D. programs, which will help propel her toward a career in food science.

“After doing the Doctors in Italy program, in the future, I definitely think it would be interesting to work in another country and work more cohesively with patients,” DeLucia said.

## Bucknell Student Government elections are decided

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Bucknell Student Government elections concluded on Nov. 18, and three students were elected.

Sam Douds '25 won his election for the executive board, while Isa Segura-Suarez '25 and Lena DiFazio '24 both won their uncontested positions. Segura-Suarez won the position of vice-president of operations and DiFazio won the position of vice-president of administration.

Douds said he is excited to begin working with the administration on pressing issues and to begin making a positive change at Bucknell University. He is also eager to begin making changes on the BSG side of things, while also maintaining the work of the previous two presidents.

Douds said he is ready to make changes where Bucknellians need it, and tackle problems like a lack of mental health resources and food insecurity, to name a few.

“Holding the office of President will make me a more engaged and active member of the Bucknell community,” Douds said, when asked about how this would improve his Bucknell experience. “However ultimately, running for President was never really about enhancing my Bucknell experience. Running for President was and is about accomplishing the things that we set out to accomplish. This means making the changes that many Bucknellians wish for into a reality. The job will certainly make me busier, but I ran to make a difference

and progress requires hard work. I am ready and excited for the challenge.”

DiFazio has an agenda with three things on it, increased transparency, implementing a campus-wide SharePoint and finally dedicating more resources to public speaking.

SharePoint is a program that would allow students to comment on any minor or major changes they would like to see on campus. Lena said she has been a part of many different Bucknell organizations and wanted to continue to be involved, which is why she ran.

With this new position, she hopes to enhance her Bucknell experience, as well as every student of the student body.

“I am extremely excited to be part of a strong team filled with countless ideas, and represent every student's voice on campus,” DiFazio said, when asked what she was most excited about, regarding her new position. “I look forward to problem-solving and planning ways to holistically better our campus and strengthen our community, as transparently as possible.”

She continued, “Students should not feel their voices won't be heard and change would not be possible, nor that the gap between the students and administration is too immense. The only way action can be taken effectively and timely, is if all voices contribute to the process, not just ours of BSG.”



# breaking the bubble

Madison Kurtz

Staff Writer

## DOMESTIC

The world's largest volcano, Mauna Loa, erupted last Monday at 4:30 a.m. ET for the first time in nearly 40 years. Its last eruption was in 1984, making this the longest quiet period for the volcano in recorded history. According to the U.S. Geological Survey its impacts will stay in the Northeast Rift Zone and will not be a threat to any communities, though much of the area is expected to receive less than a quarter inch of ashfall. Though "roughly half" of Mauna Loa's eruptions since 1843 have avoided populated areas, according to CNN, what is not certain is the location and speed of lava flows. Shelters have opened as a precaution.

A same-sex marriage bill was set to pass last Tuesday. The bill would mandate federal recognition of same-sex marriages and would repeal the Defense of Marriage Act that has explicitly denied federal benefits to same-sex couples for over 20 years. Though many Republicans voted against the bill, a majority of both parties in the Senate support it. The test vote of this bill symbolizes the notable shift in U.S. culture and politics concerning same-sex marriage.

## INTERNATIONAL

Despite escalating protests in Beijing and Shanghai, China last weekend, President Xi Jinping is not changing the "zero COVID" policy measures, according to US News. It has been almost three years since the country's discovery of the virus, and now the continuous restrictions are leading to calls for the president to resign. In an effort to calm protests officials relaxed some regulations like resuming public bus services and few businesses, but experts believe that most of the measures will stay in place for the foreseeable future. The protests last weekend were the biggest showing of opposition to the Chinese Communist Party in decades, but are also expected to cease because of heavy police force.

Ireland's Data Protection Commission fined tech giant Meta \$275 million last Monday for last year's massive data leak. Investigation by Irish regulators revealed that Facebook had not taken precautions to ensure the platform could not be "scraped" for information, which is a violation of the General Data Protection Regulation, according to The New York Times. The violation allowed an online hacker forum to publish over 500 million users' private information including names, locations and birth dates. The fines imposed on Meta since last year now accumulate to more than \$900 million. Previous violations of E.U. data privacy law relates to the messaging service WhatsApp and to the mistreatment of children's data. The fine implemented last Monday is particularly important because it strongly enforced the General Data Protection Regulation, enacted in 2018, and is seen as a large step towards more aggressive data protection.

## Students prepare for finals week

Kyra DeVoe

Staff Writer

Bucknell students are gearing up for the most dreaded time of the year: finals week.

After a blissful ten-day break from anything school-related, students return to campus and experience a whirlwind of final assignments, presentations, papers and exams. Bertrand Library is overflowing with students, who are setting up camp in all corners of the building and preparing to study hard in hopes of ending the semester on a positive note.

The brief two-week period that sits between Thanksgiving Break and Winter Break has always been infamous for its heavy workload, but new anxieties for students are emerging this year. This year marks the first finals week since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis where things testing conditions are completely back to "normal." Students have said goodbye to any online Zoom exams and are saying hello to traditional in-person exams. At this point, only Bucknell seniors who were at the institution

in the fall of 2019 remember what a finals week like this looks like.

After two years of taking online exams, in-person exams can result in added stress for students on top of the already overwhelming pressure that comes with finals week. Taking exams online allows for more comfort. For one, there's less anxiety about how quickly students around you are finishing their exams compared to you. Additionally, students can take the exam in their own environment, free of any disturbance or bothersome noises.

For some students, taking the exam in their pajamas on their couch is more comfortable whereas for others a silent study room allows them to perform their best. Overall, students with testing anxiety felt much comfort in the time of online exams, which allowed them to set themselves up best for success.

Due to differences in assignments from professors in various departments, not all students feel that the pressure this finals week is different from any other.

"I don't feel pressure at all — all of my finals are projects or essays and don't require in-person work," Sophie Downey '23 said.

For first-years, the wave of responsibilities that crashes onto them during finals week may come as a bit of a shock. Bucknell upperclassmen have come accustomed to the rigor of finals week at this school and have managed, through trial and error, to discover what study methods will result in success for them.

"I manage my stress by playing board games with friends or reading a good book," Taylor Pearce, a senior with six final weeks under his belt, said. "The best advice I can give to any underclassmen would be to keep pounding away at the books and the results will show."

"Good advice for underclassmen is to set a timer when you're studying so you can study for 20 minutes and then take a five-minute break and repeat it," Blair Echnat '24 said. "This method will help you not get burnt out while studying, and it will be more effective and less stressful."

## 10 years ago in The Bucknellian: Going abroad adds end of semester stress

Ben Kaufman

Presentation Director

We have reached that dreaded point in the semester where everything is winding down and finals are coming soon, meaning that everyone is officially freaking out about the large amount of finals, projects and papers that we all have. While most people are only focused on all of that, I, along with some other students, have to also take into account everything that I need to do before going abroad next semester.

On top of all the normal issues we have when finishing up the semester, we have to complete all of the work that is required before going abroad. We have to get forms signed, classes approved, figure out everything we are doing with the university we will be staying at (housing, tuition, etc.) and many other tasks. On top of all this, we have to pack up our rooms as if it is summer and then pack up everything we need for our foreign destination. This all leads to the questions of whether to buy bedding here or once we land, how to bring toiletries on a plane and all those headaches that traveling brings. This includes making sure your passport isn't expired and packing up everything as if headed back to campus, but instead, fly-

ing to a different country. As a native New Yorker, I've never had to fly to school, so this will be a new experience for me.

That being said, I am incredibly excited to go abroad. This will be my first time going to Europe, so I'm excited to start living a life like the ones I've heard about in stories. I am going to be studying at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and, according to Arcadia University (the school that is running my program), I am the only student at this university going to Scotland. Just like it was starting college three years ago, it'll be a cool experience to have to meet new people while exploring not only Scotland, but hopefully most of Europe as well. The Office of International Education made the process really easy for me. Once I figured out which program I wanted, my advisor made it very clear what I needed to do in order to go abroad. This included the people I needed to talk to, when I needed my application in and everything in between.

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## Bucknell career center offers half-credit elective course

Bridgette Simpson

The Center for Career Advancement offered a half-credit course this fall semester, UNIV 175, for the first time after months of planning and structuring.

Pam Keiser, Sarah Bell, Marilyn Schull, Christa Matlack and Patti Meyers all work in conjunction at the career center together, as well as form the faculty for the five course sections offered.

For several months, they worked on translating the traditional one-on-one setting of the career center into a more cohesive classroom model in addition to Sarah Bell developing the syllabus for the course. The seven-week course meets twice a week with approximately 20 students in each section, with select sections delegated for the first and second half of each semester.

The course urges students to develop a number of imperative professional skills, including forming and enhancing a resume, a LinkedIn profile, interview and networking skills and how to research and understand different professional industries.

The course aims to pose questions that force students to consider how they approach the image of what they hope their career to look like, as well as contemplate how they can integrate the strengths they already possess. The course concludes with the students' efforts culminating in a final e-portfolio, which they create using Digication's e-portfolio software. The final product displays a polished resume, cover letter, written reflections, and a strong understanding of the industries they find interesting and interview skills.

"We want the students in the course to come out of it feeling

completely prepared to enter directly into a job or internship search," Keiser said.

One of the more integral facets of the class, apart from the final portfolio, is that the students are required to reach out to a Bucknell alum, an employer that piques their interest or some other outside source of information in order to enhance their networking skills. Students are often apprehensive about reaching out to strangers, especially in the professional setting, and the course aims to remedy some of the anxiety that may be present when students are tasked with networking for the first time.

Sarah Bell spoke of how the pandemic had a direct influence on how engaged students were, as well as how comfortable they were with interacting with unfamiliar people and places, which can manifest in negative ways now that the professional and academic spheres have returned to the traditional in-person manner of working.

"The course also aims to bridge the gap between students and the career center," Bell said. "We wanted to engage with students in ways other than always having them come to us. The course acts as an effective way to work with up to 100 students in a systematic fashion rather than having 100 students come into the career center over several appointments."

The skills introduced in the course build upon each other, making the course an effective way in which students can prepare themselves for job and internship opportunities, no matter how far into the process they may be.

"Students work with their interactive resume and cover letter module in order to work through each piece they learn in class, allowing them

to improve documents if they already have them," Keiser said. "They also receive feedback from mock interviews we conduct in class."

Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dean Breyfogle, echoed the positive feedback received from students upon the course's launch this semester.

"The feedback I have received from all of the students, who have met with me this fall and took this course, has been positive," Breyfogle said in an email. "Students have shared with me their realization that their choices of majors have opened up and understood that they don't have to major in a particular field for their potential goals."

"Other students have shared their appreciation for connecting with alumni who have given valuable advice and I did also have one student share that he has already secured a paid internship that he credits to taking the course. I look forward to learning about the results of the pilot after the first-year students take this course in the spring 2023 semester."

The UNIV 175 course is open to all students, regardless of class year, and provides imperative professional development skills useful for any first-year, sophomore, junior or senior. The course is open for registration all semester, and is accepting registration for the spring semester.

"I appreciate that the course helps students investigate their values and evaluate their goals, develop academic knowledge and skills related to career development, recognize that their major does not need to equate with a job title, and have products as a result of the course that will help in searching for and securing internships," Breyfogle said.

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## Creative Writing Club holds mixer for creative clubs

Bridgette Simpson

The Creative Writing Club held a mixer for several different writing and creative clubs at Uptown earlier this month, in order to foster connections between people and organizations that may not have overlapped otherwise.

Approximately 30 people were in attendance, and each club gave a short elevator speech to promote their literary club. All creative writing students were alerted by email regarding the event, and the Creative Writing Club promoted it extensively on social media outlets.

Clubs in attendance included the Creative Writing Club, Writers of Rohan, the Film Club, the Bucknellian, the Writing Center and the Bucknell Book Swap.

Spirits were high at the event, where music was playing and food and beverages were provided for all in attendance. Aaron Chin '25, president of the Creative Writing Club, said his hopeful expectations were exceeded by the event.

"My favorite part was just seeing everybody coming together and having a good time," Chin said. "It was so great to see everyone support each other and to be so enthusiastic about writing and literature. As president, I don't think it could have gone any better."

Chin shared that the planning for the event was much more simple than he had anticipated: the event did not require much organization apart from budget approval, making it a strong candidate for an annual event due to the ease of hosting.

The Creative Writing Club is looking forward to hosting

more social events throughout the semester and year in general; they held a meeting at the Seventh Street Cafe on Nov. 29, which was partially influenced by the success of the mixer.

Chin also cited the importance of further fostering alliances between creative and writing organizations on campus in order to maintain a strong creative community for all students.

"I think it's really important for writers and artists, in general, to interact with each other across disciplines. I think that community is very important for the arts, as we should always work to support one another and not bring each other down," Chin said. "With art, we should always work to raise each other's voices rather than to drown anybody out. Interaction, talking to others, and building relationships, building a community, is the best way that we can do this."

The Creative Writing Club aimed to support and promote literary citizenship and community by heightening awareness of clubs' presence on campus, and the event served as a manner by which to appreciate the arts and stimulate creative conversation.

"It meant a lot to see so many people show up and support the writing community on campus," Chin said.

Georgie Roache '25, an attendee of the event, shared her thoughts on the mixer.

"I appreciated the chance to hear from the various writing clubs on campus, and I hope that people feel as encouraged to get involved in the literary community as I do going forward," Roache said.



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 17. Ocean  
 18. Teenagers  
 21. Cumberbund  
 23. Small amount  
 24. Surrealist Max  
 25. Bread spread  
 26. Church bench  
 27. Agile  
 28. God of war  
 30. Lease  
 31. Blubber  
 34. Magical drink  
 37. Golf peg  
 38. Honest one  
 39. Mouse relative  
 40. Change places, like a bird  
 43. Hoodwink  
 44. College major  
 45. Mode  
 46. Caught, like a fish  
 48. Articulate  
 49. Lulu  
 50. Nuisance  
 51. Web journal  
 53. Dejected  
 54. Very, in Versailles  
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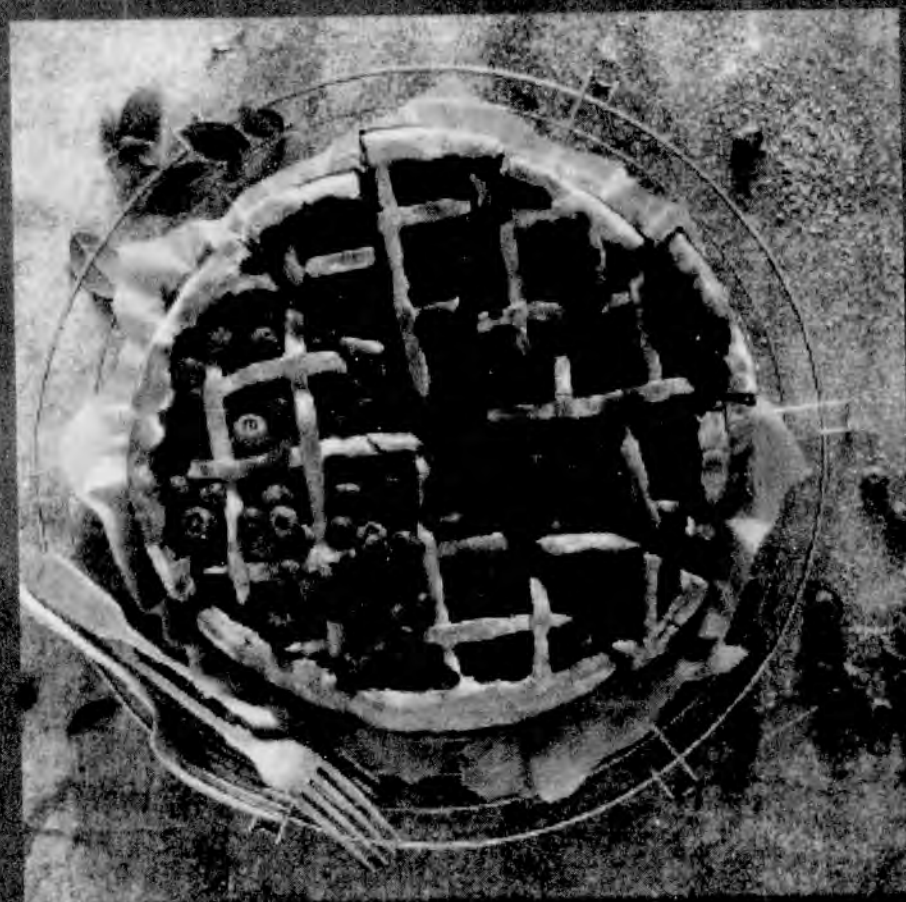
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## Festivus event mobbed by people who've never seen Seinfeld



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Satire Editor

Like it or not, everybody knows Seinfeld, even if they haven't seen it. That's why it's so egregious that few people who are attending the Festivus tonight will understand its true meaning. It isn't meant as just another religiously-neutral lukewarm event that's used to not offend anybody, but as an exploration into the anti-commercialization of the Christmas season.

Despite the rich history of Festivus formally beginning with Season 9 Episode 10 of the Seinfeld series in 1997, local Bucknellians had no knowledge of their cultural roots when asked in the middle of the ELC plaza. Most of the answers received were along the lines of "Why are you in front of the printer?" and "Move out of the way already!", but thankfully, the pollsters involved in asking 2022 adults about a TV show from the 90s were very, very, determined to get an answer.

"Seinfeld?" One desperate student asked. "That's the one with the friends all living in the flat together, I loved Ross and Rachel in that! Especially The One With The...ahh, I forgot what

it was called, give me a second!" This person ended up wandering off, having gotten a text on her phone about the next season of Euphoria.

"Nah," said another. "Curb Your Enthusiasm is pretty good though. Have you seen the one with the election? It's a classic!"

Needless to say, this left those who knew the true meaning of Festivus very distressed (aside from all of the distracting tinsel). This is nothing to say of the lack of grievance-airing or strength-showing, but if Uptown really wanted to nail Festivus, they would have duly included each of those things. A reverse Valentine's Day card could do. For instance,

"Dear so-and-so, I take great offense to your constant whining. My grievances with you are made plenty by your many, many flaws, starting with then you stole my ham sandwich in middle school."

This is a holiday everyone can get into, because if there's anything the student body likes to do, it's complain about Bucknell, regardless of whether or not those claims are legitimate.

## Thanksgiving leftovers temporarily solve food insecurity

Maximus Bean  
Satire Editor

Now that Thanksgiving break is truly well and done, students are returning to their classes with a renewed sense of determination. Finals season is in full swing, and students are hungry for another break. Something else students are hungry for? Food.

Food insecurity has always been an issue on campus, and while Bucknell has had at least one remedy to this (the B-Eats Food Pantry in room 211 of the ELC), Thanksgiving itself offers a useful solution: leftovers.

As with every Thanksgiving, leftovers are plentiful and exist for weeks after the holiday, especially the event known as "The Turkey Sandwich Slog." As such, some students thought of a clever way to both rid themselves of their annoying leftovers (except dessert, of course) and also benefit the community as a whole. The "Leftovers Left Over" program was made by student Dirk Eijs '25, who donated a stunning six plastic bags worth of turkey meat to the Food Pantry.

"It was easy to get people to donate," Eijs said. "As it turned out, everybody had grandparents or relatives who just kind of left their food with them. So everybody had something to give." Packets of cranberry sauce, extra mashed potatoes, too-early

fruitcake, peacock, pheasant, stuffed goose and lots of turkey.

As a result, students came and went from the newly-stocked Pantry, both leaving food and leaving with other food. It seemed as if food insecurity had been abolished on campus.

"It's a Thanksgiving miracle!" said Wheezer B. Grazing '25, who got to take home a 25 pound turkey, two packs of cranberry sauce and some roast spruce. Another student took home some mashed potatoes and a pack of carrots.

Food insecurity on campus had officially disappeared for a full six hours. It was a glorious moment to be sure when the campus could finally accommodate (almost) all of its students' needs (except for housing). When local reporter Lictor de Balzac asked if a full on "food donation drive" could happen, the administration reportedly answered "What? Isn't that what the Pantry is for?"

All in all, the Thanksgiving drive was a pleasant look into what could have been. People were smiling, and there was turkey everywhere. It could be a lesson on greed or maybe the tenacity of the human spirit. Now the true meaning of Thanksgiving is revealed to all: lots of turkey.

## Frat guys chop down ELC tree, take it inside to make Bison "festive as f---"

Bridgette Simpson  
News Editor

This past week, several students were seen chopping down one of the trees in front of the downhill entrance to the ELC. They were seen using plastic knives to saw the 15-foot-tree down, and were reportedly blasting Mariah Carey and Bing Crosby in order to motivate themselves to get into holiday spirit.

The culprits were none other than a vast majority of the demographic deemed "frat boys," which Public Safety determined after identifying the students' "insane rizz" and sweatpants tucked into socks.

After successfully removing the aforementioned tree from the ground, the roughly 100 students involved in the scandal dragged the tree through the doors of the ELC, which posed some significant damage to both the tree and the doors; most of the branches were left outside of the building, as they were unable to fit through the door. The tree weighed roughly 810 pounds, equating

to roughly 81 pounds per "frat boy," making it a difficult task for the students to both hold the first set of doors open and transport the tree inside. They also experienced problems upon reaching the second set of doors, as evidenced by the several thousand pine needles that littered the lobby.

Finally, law enforcement estimates that it took the students several hours to prop the tree upwards near the Bison Fresh kiosk, where they wedged the tree into the ceiling tiles in an effort to keep it upright. The tree was also mostly bare due to the damage sustained from the altercation with the doorways upon entering the building. Upon completion of the task, the students realized that the door entering directly into the Bison Fresh area would have been a much simpler task and a more efficient method of entry.

The boys were also kind enough to decorate the tree

with paper straw wrappers for tinsel, and topped it with an Xbox controller from the ELC lounge, which served as the angel. This was what tipped off Public Safety as to who may have been responsible; the metaphor is striking. Someone may have become slightly confused during the ordeal, because a lone pair of Timberlands were left underneath the tree as well, and Public Safety has determined that it was likely the result of severe alcohol abuse and impairment, not due to any kind of charitable intent.

As usual, janitors, staff and Bison workers came to the rescue to fix the tree both in decorations and alignment, as well as successfully removed the several thousand pine needles from the lobby.

"Thank you to the staff for helping to make the Bison festive as f--- this year, we appreciate everything you do for us," Geoffrey Geoffreys '24 said.

## Professors make all final exams due on the same day

Siobhan Nerz  
Senior Writer

This year, as Bucknellians begin studying for finals week, they can take a long exhale, spit out the Adderall in their mouths, and put down their fifth coffee of the day. The University has finally responded to student complaints of stress and amended the finals schedule.

Normally, Bucknell has a reading day after the final class, which is followed by a week and a half of finals. During this time, students go to in person exams and turn in essays and projects. While this has been the norm for many years, students are frustrated by the schedule because it prolongs the stress of finals.

Student Ty Eyred '23 is done with this setup and said, "I always seem to have an exam during the last day

and have to stay for the whole of finals week."

Eyred, along with other students, have organized to make a change. After 15 students sat outside of President Bravman's house during Thanksgiving break and stole his turkey, Bucknell has finally decided to respond to their request.

Now, instead of having a reading day, finals will occur after the last class of the semester. Additionally, all essays and finals will happen on the same day. University administrators say "this will give students an opportunity to just complete their finals. This way, they won't have to study and get stressed about their grades."

Bucknell also announced that students are expected to move off campus after they finish all of their finals.

Anyone left on campus at midnight will immediately fail all of their courses. To check for stragglers, Public Safety will be driving around to apprehend students remaining on campus.

Bucknell administrators said in a statement that "the students will be relieved to leave campus earlier than usual. We expect the changes to the schedule to greatly reduce stress."

Despite this comment, some students think the school has more underhanded motives. Student Ida Trust '24 said, "Bucknell wants to kick students off campus as soon as possible so they can begin work on the Mods."

Overall, both students and faculty are interested in how this hectic finals schedule will turn out.

## How are students preparing for finals?

Hayley Leopold  
Senior Writer

Now that Bucknell students have sufficiently stuffed themselves over Thanksgiving break, it's time to snap back into reality and prepare for the dreaded finals week. Students are struggling to remember what they learned before break, so they have lost confidence that they will perform well on finals.

Because of this, Bucknellians have adopted some unorthodox methods of preparing for their upcoming exams. Described below are three such methods:

1. Learning Morse Code  
Finals shouldn't be taken independently! Professors who discourage communication during exams violate Bucknell's mission statement that aims to "promote collaboration amongst students." To combat this injustice, one way that students are getting ready for finals is learning Morse Code.

During exams, they plan to use the code to tap messages with their pencils to one another. These messages would then be translated into letters, words and phrases that spell out test answers.

This week, students are checking books out of Bertrand for the very first time to pour over old textbooks and memorize the intricate patterns.

2. Forwarding Text Message Chains

"THIS IS THE GOOD LUCK GOD. SEND THIS MESSAGE TO 10 FRIENDS TO PASS YOUR TESTS. IF YOU DON'T, YOU WILL FAIL THEM ALL!"

Throughout our middle school days, chains like these spread faster than STD's at Bucknell. Although we thought these chains were ancient history, they are making a comeback amongst college students in 2022. Are some students forwarding these messages solely to bother their friends? Probably.

However, many students truly believe that these messages will give them the luck that they need to pass their finals. Others don't truly believe that this will grant them good luck, but are too scared to see what happens if they don't follow through. Either way, I have received over 20 of these messages in the last hour alone.

3. Manifesting  
Fake it till you make it, right? As their last way to prepare for their upcoming finals, Bucknellians have resorted to blatant manifesting to ensure their success. Before going to sleep each night, participating students say the following affirmation in front of their bathroom mirror:

"I will pass finals, I will pass my finals, please let me pass my finals."

Students congregate at exactly 11 p.m. each night and chant the affirmation together. RA's have been receiving noise complaints from non-participants who are being angrily disturbed during quiet hours. Even so, students have not halted this ritual. These students will also gaslight their professors into raising their grades by repeating, "You made a mistake, of course I got an A on the final," until their professors finally believe them.

Will any of these study methods prove effective? Only time will tell. For now, make sure to practice your Morse Code, spam your friends with text chains and repeat your affirmations! with text chains, and repeat your affirmations!



## ENCW 250 STUDENTS HELP THE LITERARY COMMUNITY

In ENCW 250, students are “culminating in a group project in which students will identify a local need and design an event to address it,” according to the course catalog description. Professor Scapellato’s class focuses on engaging with Bucknell’s literary community, and the result is three different group projects addressing the community’s needs.

In previous years, this class has been the birthplace of projects that are still in effect, such as a free library on the ground floor of the ELC and confetti head, a student-run literary magazine that publishes student works.

One of the concerns the class identified was a lack of awareness of current literary events, even coming from those already involved in the literary community. The solution to this was a “one-stop shop” Instagram that would keep its followers up to date on Bucknell’s literary events, such as poetry readings and speaker events – @bucknellreads.

The account also looks to maintain interaction with its followers, as seen through a post captioned, “comment your favorite study/reading spot on campus,” and another asking for book recommendations. They are continuously trying to gain a following, and hope that the account can act as an on-going space for students to get updates throughout the school year.

Another aspect that Bucknell’s campus seemed to be lacking was the encouragement of casual reading outside of an academic setting. This inspired the creation of the Bucknell Book Swap – a club where students would be provided a free book upon joining the club, which they would then swap with other members a month later.

“Realizing that I’m a part of a larger literary community on campus and figuring out how to engage and benefit said community has been both challenging and rewarding,” Kieran Calderwood ’24, a member of the Bucknell Book Swap group, said. “Watching the students in professor Scapellato’s class come together in groups and create clubs designed to help others has been a great experience.”

The club has been working in collaboration with Mondragon Books, a used book store located on Market street in Lewisburg. The group applied for an Arts & Creativity Grant through the university, which would help them finance an initial purchase of books from Mondragon.

“We were under a time crunch, so we had to find a way to secure the books without funding,” Chris Kaplan ’23, another founder of the club, said. “Sarajane, the owner of Mondragon Books, came to our rescue. She provided us with 25 books for free to help kick-start the club, and even helped us pick books that she thought students would enjoy reading. Without her, this project/club

would have never succeeded. Luckily, we eventually received our grant, and we look forward to paying her back for her generosity.”

The club was able to gain some members through the Creative Writing Club mixer that was held on Nov. 8, where attendees were able to sign up and take a book with them.

“The most enjoyable part has been meeting students who love reading,” Kaplan said. “I get to share my passion with everyone. I, in turn, have also received countless book recommendations, which I always appreciate.”

“I hope the club grows in size and I get to share my passion with everyone,” Kaplan said. “Admittedly, I am a senior with one semester left, so I will not get to see the true scope of my work. The club, however, is in good hands with my group members, Kieran Calderwood and Georgie Roache. I know they have big plans going forward.”

The third group’s project looked to address a need that applies to Bucknell’s entire creative community: the lack of a space for feedback on creative works outside of an academic context. Creative writing classes often involve workshopping, and visual arts classes have critiques, but not all of campus’s creators have access to these resources, especially if their creative medium is not part of their academic focus.

This inspired the Bucknell Creative Critique, an online forum where students can post creative works in order to receive feedback. The website looks to promote a “give-and-take” system, where students are expected to provide feedback to other works before their work will be posted to the website.

**Kelsey Werkheiser**  
Special Features Editor

“This process so far has been immensely rewarding,” Maggie Hunter ’24, a member of the group project, said. “I was drawn to this project because, as a writer, I know how essential feedback is and how hard it can be to find. I wanted to help create a space where not just writers but artists of all kinds could submit their work and receive constructive criticism.”

“I think this is also an incredible opportunity because it expands Bucknell’s artistic circles, allowing students across multiple mediums to see other students’ work, creating a stronger sense of community,” Hunter said. “It can be tough to find other creatives, so I believe this will be a great way to find other artists to support and possibly collaborate with.”



# THE BUCKNELLIAN *sports*

December 2, 2022

## Men's Swim and Dive earns first place finish at Bucknell invitational

Charlotte Dursee  
Staff Writer

The Bison men's swim and dive team started their three-day Bucknell Invitational on Nov. 18. Despite finishing in second the first two days, the Bison were able to finish strong and move up to first place by the end of the meet.

They finished with a total of 1,346.5 points, overcoming Delaware who held first place after the first two days.

The first day, the Bison finished with 383.5 points, only slightly trailing Delaware (392). The 200 freestyle relay had a record breaking performance and beat last year's Patriot League Championship time at 1:19.46. Justin DiSanto '25, Leo Kuyl '23, John Gehrig '24 and Chris Fabian '24 were the swimmers from the first place, record-breaking finish. Fabian, Gehrig and Kuyl also added a second place finish in the 400 medley relay. They finished with a time of 3:16.71, third in school history. Additionally, Gehrig had a first place finish in the 200 IM.

Chirs Kopac '25 (500 freestyle), Alex Crossing '26 (500 freestyle) and Andy Dorsel '25 (200 IM)

each added top-five finishes in their respective races. Nick Pirone '23 finished eighth in the three-meter dive (187.20)

"We had a great season of training up to this point," Gehrig said. "It was important to keep in mind that there is still a long season ahead of us, so even if the team is where we want to be, there is still plenty of time until February to get better."

The Bison resumed the next morning at Kinney Natatorium and were able to finish the day with two first place finishes and three top-10 times. At the end of the meet the Bison tallied 904.5 total points, continuing to trail Delaware (974).

Gehrig, Shane Wynne '26, DiSanto and Kopac were a part of the first place finish in the 800 freestyle with a time of 6:37.40 (seventh in school history). Dorsel secured the other first place finish in the 400 IM, beating swimmers from eight other schools at the meet.

DiSanto, Kuyl, Fabian and Gehrig gathered a second place finish in the 200 medley relay. Gehrig and Kopac additionally each finished second in the

100 butterfly and 200 freestyle, respectively. DiSanto also managed to acquire a spot in the programs top-10 list for the 100 breaststroke.

The match finished up Sunday morning, and the Bison were able to pull off two first-place wins and 12 top-eight finishes to secure first place in the Bucknell Invitational.

Gehrig, DiSanto, Fabian and Kuyl sealed the deal with their first place finish in the 400 freestyle relay. Their time of 2:57.27 not only got them a first place finish, but is registered as the programs second fastest

time in this event. Gehrig also came in first for the 200 butterfly, one of the five first place finishes he was a part of during the weekend. Wynne placed fourth in the 200 butterfly and Dorsel placed fifth.

Braden Beagle '26 and DiSanto had top-10 finishes in the 200 backstroke and 100 freestyle, respectively. Kuyl also added a second place win in the 100 freestyle. Lastly, DiSanto (100 freestyle) and Kopac (1650 freestyle) finished in third place in their respective events.

"The team was able to come together and race fast in the

morning to make it back to finals and help put us in the best position to score as many points as possible," Gehrig said. "We were able to capitalize during finals by racing fast, winning events and relays and placing better at finals than we did in prelims."

The men's swim and dive team now hold a record of 5-1 after their successful weekend at home in the Bucknell Invitational.

"It feels good to know that all the hard work being put in during the season is paying off in fast times and event wins for the team," Gehrig said.



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### Upcoming Events

#### Women's and Men's Swimming and Diving

- U.S Open, Greensboro N.C. 10am 12/3

#### Wrestling

- @ Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational 12/3

#### Women's and Men's Track and Field

- Bison Opener 12/3

#### Women's Basketball

- vs Stony Brook @ 2pm

## Bison Football celebrates a senior day victory



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Brooke Tracey  
Staff Writer

The Bison Football team closed out their 2022 season with their largest-margin victory of the year.

The Bison welcomed the Marist Red Foxes to Christy Mathewson Memorial Stadium. Prior to kickoff, the Orange and Blue honored their eleven seniors, each of whom played an impactful role on the team. The Bison then celebrated the day with a 24-13 victory, sealing the season off with a win.

The Bison had all of the momentum entering the game, coming off of a thrilling overtime victory over Georgetown just one week prior. This, however, was quickly met by the Red Fox attack, which managed to lead 7-0 less than four minutes into the game.

The Bison were able to respond at the end of the first quarter with a field goal, narrowing the score 7-3 in favor of the Red Foxes heading into the second quarter.

Just before halftime, the Red Foxes scored another

touchdown off of six rushed passes which came from a Bison turnover at their 46-yard line. The extra point was blocked by Aneesh Vyas '25, ending the half at 13-3 in favor of Marist.

The Orange and Blue knew the second half would be critical if they were to come back and win. The Bison defense was stout in the second half, limiting Marist to only 48 yards the remainder of the game.

In their second possession of the third quarter, the Bison offense converted a touchdown on a pass from quarterback Nick Semptimphelter '24 to Rushawn Baker '25.

The Orange and Blue scored another touchdown on its opening drive of the fourth quarter, giving them their first lead of the day, 17-13.

The Bison were not settling, however, as they scored one final touchdown with less than three minutes to play. The final score was 24-13 in favor of the Bison.

## Women's Basketball has a busy Thanksgiving break

Hugh Straine  
Staff Writer

Bison women's basketball had two matchups over the Thanksgiving break, beginning with an away match against the Syracuse Orange on Nov. 25 and home game against the Temple Owls on Nov. 27.

The Orange and Blue fell to both teams over the break, 48-65 against Syracuse and 62-77 against Temple.

Against Syracuse, Bucknell made two of their twenty-one outside attempts on the night with two scorers in double figures, those being Cecelia Collins '25 racking up 18 points on 6-13 shooting from the field, and Isabella King '25, who put up 10 points on 4-7 shooting and 2-4 from three point range.

Besides King and Collins, the rest of the Lady Bison combined for eight made field goals, and going along with sixteen turnovers, this made it difficult for them to compete with a Power Five opponent.

Against Temple two days later, however, Bucknell

came out hot at home, shooting 40 percent from the three point range and forcing 22 personal fouls on the Owls leading to twenty free throw attempts, of which Bucknell converted fourteen.

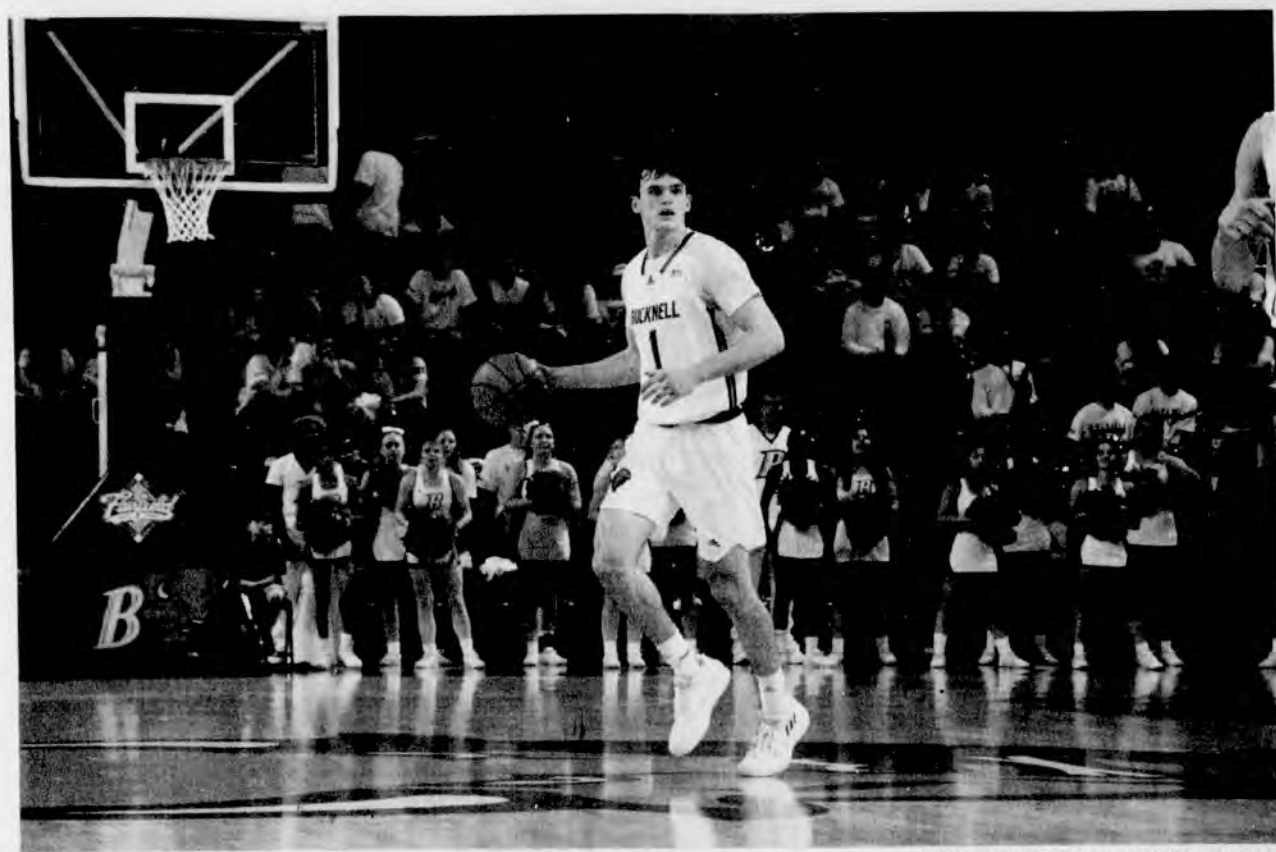
Collins and King led the Bison in the scoring column again, both with sixteen points, and King stayed hot from outside as she knocked down four of her seven three point attempts during the contest.

It was the turnovers that ended up hurting Bucknell more than they could recover from, as their fourteen against Temple led to plenty of transition opportunities that allowed the Owls to pull away.

"I think our team has grown a lot over the past few weeks and even over the past weekend," Collins said. "Because of how young our team is, we're going to have to continue to grow and improve every day."

Bucknell takes on the Bonnies of St. Bonaventure on Wednesday night as they look to bounce back.





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## Bucknell Men's Basketball falls to Marist in overtime

Lea Tarzy  
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's basketball team faced off at home against the Marist Red Foxes last Saturday, Nov. 26 and lost in overtime with a final score of 60-54.

Marist took the lead early on, capitalizing on their chances while Bucknell did not find the net in the opening minutes. Slow to get started, the Bison had four turnovers and two misses during their first six offensive possessions. However, they later found their footing and continued to compete until the final buzzer.

Xander Rice '23 scored back-to-back three-pointers to tie it up at 10-10. The offensive momentum bounced back and forth between the two teams for the remainder of the half, and the second quarter ended with a score of 24-21 in the Red Foxes' favor.

Marist's offense surged following the halftime

break, hitting five out of six shots in a row to increase their lead to 35-27. However, the Bison men battled back and showed resilience.

With less than five minutes remaining, Ian Motta '25 hit a three-pointer to put the Bison in the lead (49-48) for the first time during the match. The Red Foxes retaliated with a three-pointer with just 2:37 left in regulation, but Alex Timmerman '23 and Andre Screen '24 each scored a free throw to tie it up just before the clock ran out.

In overtime, Marist found the net early and kept the Bison at bay. With 1:44 left in the overtime, the scoreboard showed the Red Foxes' lead of 58-52.

The Bison had some scoring opportunities but couldn't manage to take the lead. Marist ultimately scored two more points with

14 seconds left to bring the final score to 60-54 in favor of the visitors.

This loss signaled the end of the Bison's two-game win streak. Prior to this game, Bucknell was the sixth-best team nationally ranked in terms of field-goal percentage (53.5 percent), but only managed to hit 33.9 percent against Marist.

Despite these statistics, many individuals had good showings. Rice led the Bison with 16 points, also contributing seven rebounds and six assists. Timmerman had a good showing, putting up 12 points and a career record of 13 rebounds. Elvin Edmonds IV '25 and Motta each contributed eight points as well.

The Orange and Blue have games against St. Francis and NJIT on Nov. 30 and Dec. 3, respectively. Both will be competed away and can be streamed on ESPN+.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

John Gehrig '24

## Profile

### Sport

Swim & Dive

### Hometown

Charlotte, N.C.

### High School

Charlotte Catholic

### Position

Free/Fly/IM



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Caleb Wooten

Staff Writer

Surpassing Delaware on the final day, the Bucknell men's swimming and diving team was able to walk away with a victory in the 2022 Bucknell Invitational.

Numerous strong performances led to the team finishing first amongst eight teams, but the performance of John Gehrig '24 stood out amongst the pack.

The First Team All-Patriot League member was part of three winning relays, earned two individual wins and finished runner-up in three more events.

Gehrig also added multiple program top-10 finishes. Among these finishes was a school record performance in the 200 freestyle relay among teammates Justin DiSanto '25, Leo Kuyl '23 and Chris Fabian '24.

"I'm not used to being on a relay that short of a distance, so I was definitely nervous going in," Gehrig said. "You have to be sort of perfect in a way because the race goes so fast. We knew we had a chance to break it going in, but it was awesome when we realized we actually did it. However, we definitely know we can go even

faster and are excited with what we can do."

This weekend was one of many great performances for the Orange and Blue this season, as they have won five of six dual meets so far. Despite the success the squad has already enjoyed, Gehrig and the Bison know they can do even more.

"I think our team is in a really good spot right now. We're definitely where we wanted to be at this point, maybe even better. Over the next couple of weeks, if we train hard over break, I think we can all take ourselves to the next level. If we do that, I think we can definitely put ourselves in the best position possible for the rest of the year, especially Patriot League Championships," Gehrig said.

This Bucknell team is looking better than ever before, setting new records nearly every time they compete. The sky seems to be the limit for the squad as they look to reach new heights that the program has never seen. The Bison look to build upon their momentum as they host Army on Jan. 14 in what will be a key Patriot League matchup.



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## Bucknell Women's Swimming finishes on top

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The Bucknell women's swim and dive team worked tirelessly over the weekend to take first place out of eight teams at the Bucknell Invitational. The Bison were leading after both Friday and Saturday and were able to finish strong and prevail with four program top-10 times on Sunday. The Bison won with a total score of 1,312 points over Fordham's 1,151.5 points. Fordham was the second place team.

The 400 freestyle relay team, composed of Jennifer Bolden '26, Sophia Donati '23, Kayla

Lichtner '24 and Esme Hunter '24, led the team to victory after their runner-up place finish. Not only was this great for the Bucknell Invitational, but it was the program's third fastest time ever recorded at 3:23:70. Bolden also achieved fifth on the program's top-10 list in the 100 freestyle with a time of 50.90, to finish third place in the invitational.

Alongside the 400 freestyle relay and 100 freestyle two other events placed in the program's top-10 times in school history. Emma Feld

'26 finished tenth in program history in the 200 backstroke, with a time of 2:00:95, and Claire Kehley '26 finished tenth in program history with her time in the 1650 Freestyle at 17:07:88.

"The team atmosphere was amazing," Skye Sunderhauf '25 said. "Everyone was cheering for everyone's amazing races, ending in wins for both men's and women's teams."

The Bison will be headed to the U.S. Open hosted in Greensboro, N.C. from Dec. 1 to Dec. 3.

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# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### Politics and Sports?

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Despite the great soccer that has been shown on the pitch this week, it seems as though this World Cup cannot catch a break from the world outside of it. These matches have definitely had their ups and downs, with Saudi Arabia upsetting global favorite Argentina, as well as Japan upsetting powerhouse Germany.

Another one of these controversial matches, although not ending in an upset, was the United States vs. England match, which had both nations locked into a centuries old rivalry. The game ended in a draw, which, despite being a massive outcome for a country with soccer as its sixth most popular sport against the notorious "football country," put the United States in quite a precarious position. Their next game against Iran ended up being a decision maker as to whether or not they would advance into the knockout round.

However, what is most interesting might have been the days leading up to the match.

Politics has not been as far removed as some may have liked it to be this World Cup. As previous Beyond the Bison articles have discussed, the World Cup being held in Qatar has come with a myriad of controversies regarding cultural differences and human rights abuses.

But even outside of the location of the World Cup, tensions were drawn between the American national team and Iran in an interesting press conference with Tyler Adams and the United States' coach.

The first question from an Iranian reporter called out the United States' national team's incorrect use of the old Iranian flag on an Instagram graphic, citing their lack of the Islamic Republic symbol on the flag. The coach of the national team

apologized, and stated that his players did not have anything to do with Instagram and that they were focused on the game.

After that, another Iranian reporter stood to ask a question. He first criticized Adams' pronunciation of Iran, bringing up the fact that Adams said he supported the people of Iran, yet he could not even pronounce the country correctly. Adams was pronouncing the country incorrectly; however, it must be noted that the pronunciation Adams used is fairly commonplace amongst the American people.

The reporter then went on to ask another question regarding politics.

"Are you okay to be representing a country that has so much discrimination against Black people in his own borders?" the reporter said. "We saw the Black Lives Matter movement over the past few years; are you okay to be representing

the United States, meanwhile, there's so much discrimination happening against Black people in America?"

Adams' response was one of a great captain. He apologized for mispronouncing the country, before addressing the accusations of discrimination.

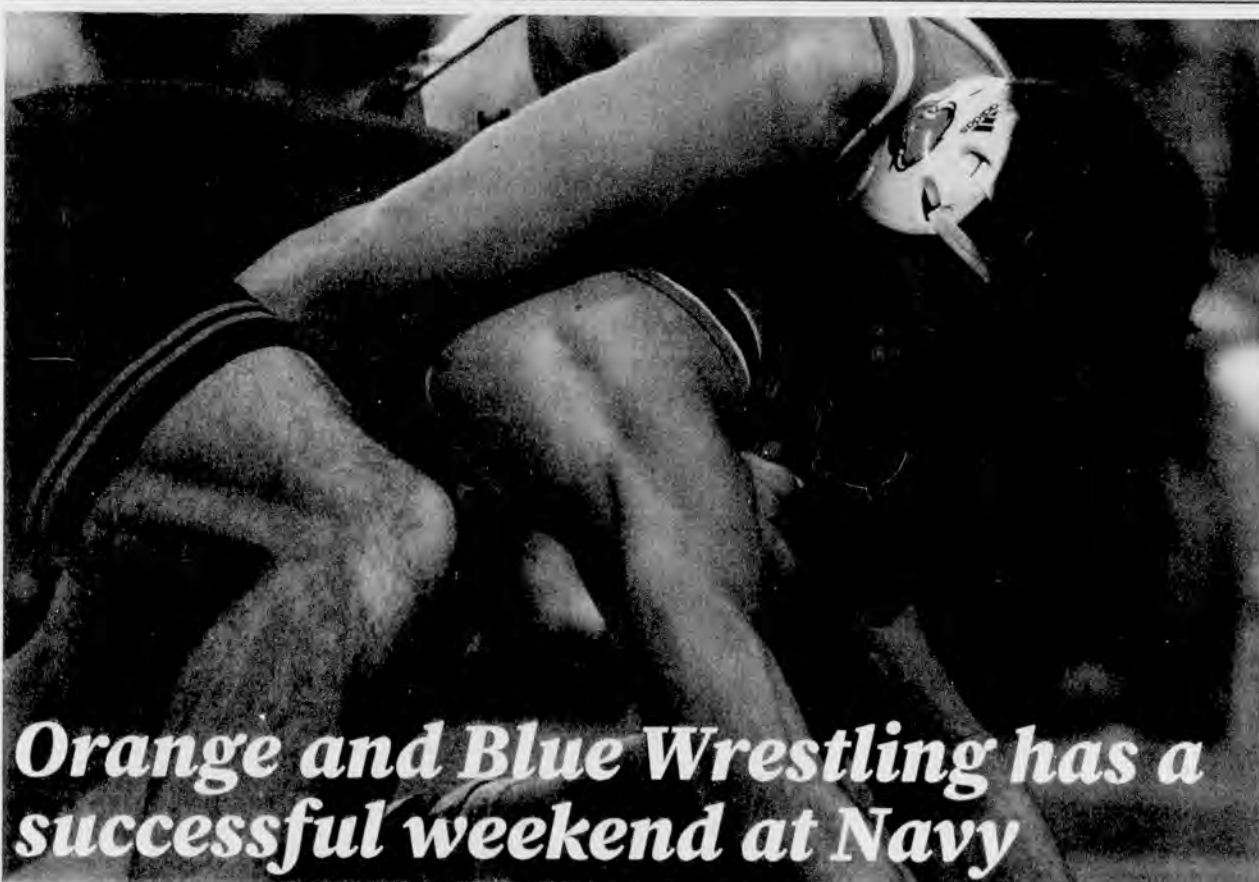
"There's discrimination everywhere you go," Adams said. "One thing that I've learned, especially from living abroad in the past years and having to fit in in different cultures and kind of assimilate into different cultures, is that in the United States, we're continuing to make progress every single day."

He then stressed the importance of education.

"I think it's super important, like you just educated me now on the pronunciation of your country. So yeah, it's a process, I think as long as you see progress, that's the most important thing."

Adams' response was good. However, tensions still exist as Iran calls for the United States to be kicked out of the World Cup for the misuse and disrespect of their flag. Many on the team have stated their outward support of the Iranian people. The Iranian national team has also made their own silent statements in protest of the actions taking place within their own country and have refused to sing along to their national anthem.

The United States ended up winning the game on Tuesday with a tight 1-0 win. The game was scrappy, and although it might've been filled with national tensions and uncertainty, what's important is that the players themselves showed up to play. At the end of the day that is what the World Cup is about, and the United States has a chance to move on further and prove themselves in the knockout round of this 2022 World Cup.



## Orange and Blue Wrestling has a successful weekend at Navy

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Senior Writer

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The Bison wrestling team traveled to Annapolis, Md., to compete in the Navy Classic on Saturday, Nov. 19. Nine out of 20 Bison ended the trip as place-winners.

This successful weekend was led by performances by Darren Miller '23 and Kurt Phipps '24.

The Orange and Blue showed a stellar team performance, with three major decisions, five pins and two technical falls in the competition.

Miller had a major decision over Lock Haven to start off the day. He competed against Navy in the semifinals, winning with a

5-3 decision. Miller continued on to the finals, coming short in the match to Nebraska.

Nolan Springer '25 had two of the pins on the day, placing fifth at the 197 weight class.

Phipps came in third place in the competition, starting off his day by beating Navy 7-2. He followed up in the semifinals, losing to Air Force 13-0 in a major decision. He concluded his day with a win in the consolation match against Lock Haven 2-1.

"The Navy Classic is a tough early season competition that allows the team to see where we've made

strides and where our lesser weaknesses are," Phipps said. "I thought, in particular, the freshmen and sophomores wrestled really tough, and it excited me for this year and the future of our team!"

Dylan Chappell '25 finished in fourth-place and Logan Deacetis '25 finished in fifth-place. Mason McCready '23 and Mikey Bartush '26 finished in sixth and seventh place, alongside Chase Barlow '26 and Sam Barnes '23 finishing in eighth.

The Orange and Blue will travel to Las Vegas for the Cliff Keen Las Vegas International on Dec. 2 and Dec. 3.

## Men's Water Polo finishes their season

Jamilie Atiyeh  
Staff Writer

Bucknell men's water polo took charge against Navy and George Washington in the MAWPC tournament, falling in the finals to Fordham.

The win against Navy was Coach John McBride's two-hundredth during his tenure with Bucknell. This marked the Bison's first against Navy in their previous five bouts, further earning their seventh win in the first game of the MAWPC Tournament within the last eight years.

The Bison took the first lead of the game and never let go throughout the entire match. The scoring began just 30 seconds into the game with a goal by Andu Vlasceanu '23, followed by another at the 4:46 mark by Doruk Ozar '24 to double the Bucknell advantage.

The Bison pushed their lead to as many as three ahead with a 5-2 score, Aleksa Stefanovic '26 contributing a goal in the first half.

At the break, Navy trailed behind the Bison with a score of 5-4. Bucknell's defensive power was demonstrated throughout the remainder of the game as they shut out attempts by the Mids to secure their win.

Goalkeeper Adrien Touzot '23 demonstrated his defensive authority, making five saves

over the closing eight minutes of the game. Josh Yardley '23 helped to add additional superiority in order to secure the win with a goal in the final quarter, the final score being an 8-6 win.

Due to their hard-fought battle against George Washington, the team earned their spot in the MAWPC championship. Against the Colonials, the Bison won 7-5, with goals contributed by Vlasceanu, Shay Gillearn '25, Walker Butler '24, Ian Shultz '26, Yardley and Stefanovic.

The Colonials scored first, just 90 seconds into the game, but this was the only instance George Washington was in the lead. Touzot contributed to this successful game, making an impressive eight saves.

Finally, in the championship game against No. 1 seed, Fordham, the Bison fell to the Rams 14-7.

Despite the defeat, there were still positives for the Bison in the match: Stefanovic contributed back-to-back goals, Ozar scored just 30 seconds into the game and six seniors completed their successful careers as members of the Orange and Blue. These seniors included Vlasceanu, Yardley and Touzot, as well as Colby Paine, Will Gildea and Jack Lewis.

Tuesday, 12/6

5pm-10pm

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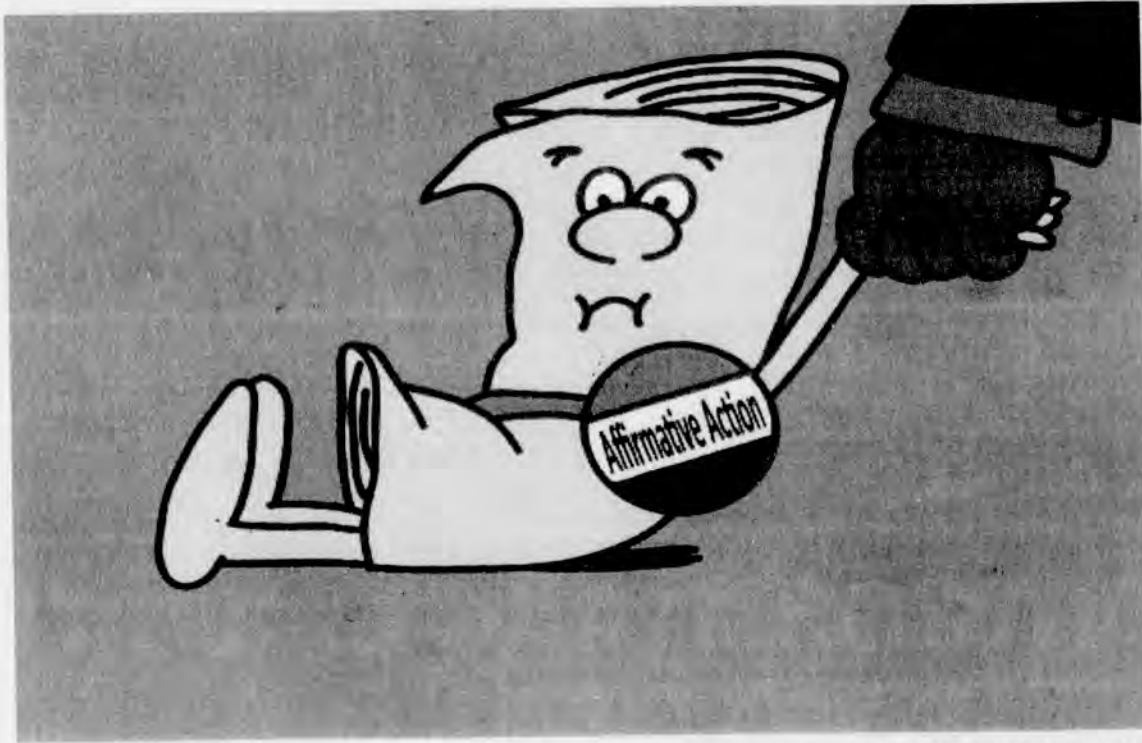
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## The End of Affirmative Action?



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As college application season comes to an end and the Supreme Court prepares to rule on two landmark cases surrounding admissions, the conversation surrounding affirmative action has been reignited. Affirmative action has been an important part of the higher-ed landscape since its introduction in the mid-1960s, and rulings that undermine its implementation could have serious consequences for members of historically marginalized groups who hope to pursue a college education.

Affirmative action was first introduced under the Johnson administration as a part of the robust Civil Rights Act of 1964 and a subsequent executive order in 1965. At first, these policies were designed to increase institutional access for African Americans, whether it be educational, professional or otherwise. Those policies were soon expanded to include women, Native Americans and other historically disadvantaged groups. Over the next couple of decades, affirmative action policies were revised to reflect challenges to affirmative action via the Supreme Court, which banned quotas and other policies that arguably promoted "reverse discrimination." Across the board, legal challenges to affirmative action were brought

forth by plaintiffs who were displeased with its implementation at public institutions.

Now, one of the two cases that the Supreme Court is presiding over implicates Harvard University, a private institution. The conservative majority on the court is likely to side with the plaintiff, Students for Fair Admissions Inc., a nonprofit organization which hopes to ban affirmative action from playing a role in the admissions decisions at "competitive universities". This organization believes that racial classifications should not play a role in admissions decisions whatsoever.

Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College takes up two issues: if the Supreme Court should overrule a previous precedent that allows institutions for higher education to consider race as a factor in admissions and if Harvard College is violating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act by penalizing Asian-American applicants. Harvard argues that this case is "politically motivated" and could put "40 years of legal precedent and diverse campus communities that prepare students for an interconnected world" at risk.

It is clear that the ideological debate over affirmative action is being brought into the arena of

private education, and this could have implications for colleges across the country. Students for Fair Admissions aims to cripple the role of affirmative action for racial minorities. However, I believe we need to go in the complete opposite direction of what this organization suggests (and that the Supreme Court will probably agree with in their upcoming ruling).

The role that private universities play in perpetuating inequalities despite the current rollout of affirmative action policies remains under-investigated, and institutions like Bucknell University are a perfect example of this. In a report by TheUpshot of anonymous tax filings, it was found that 73 percent of students at Bucknell University come from households at the top 20 percent of the income distribution and that the school ranked 29th out of 65 elite colleges in terms of promoting class mobility for those who graduate, indicating that the institution seems to foster class reproduction rather than mobility for disadvantaged groups.

As the protocol surrounding affirmative action changes, it is important that we hold our institution accountable for promoting inclusivity and opportunity to the best of its ability.



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## The Best Reads For December

Harley Marks  
Opinions Editor

December: a month brimming with emotion as holiday shopping stress, new year goal setting, and completing the Fall semester accumulate simultaneously. To cope with this somewhat tumultuous season, I find myself reaching for novels that offer escapism, mystery and wistfulness every year.

Although it is hard to find recreational reading time during these stressful few weeks of finals, maybe you can be inspired by this list, and pick up one of these books when you return to the comfort of your home for winter break.

These six novels consist of thrillers, romantic fiction, memoirs, classics, and even re-imagined classics. No matter what genre you like to

read, I guarantee there will be a book on here for you. So get your blanket, turn on the yule log and cozy up with one of these amazing works.

The first story I want to highlight is titled "Hester - A Reimagined Tale of The Scarlet Letter" by Laurie Lico Albanese. This novel features main character Isobel Gamble, a young seamstress who sets sail from Scotland with her husband Edward in the 1800s.

Edward, an apothecary who has fallen under the spell of opium, is forced to flee to Edinburgh due to his accumulating pile of debts. However, soon after arriving to the "New World," Edward abandons Isobel, forcing her to support herself with few resources, isolated in a new country.

This book is a modern retelling of Hawthorne's classic "The Scarlet Letter", and I believe many of you will like it even more than the original, as it delves into motifs of love, courage and fate. Not to mention the writing in this story is undeniably beautiful.

The second novel worth your time this December is Matt Haig's "The Midnight Library." If you are one for thrillers, literature and dramatic choices, this is the book for you. "The Midnight Library" tells the tale of a library filled with an infinite number of books.

This isn't your normal library though, as it is filled with books and stories of what your life could've been if you made different choices. Protagonist Nora Seed is faced with the choice of changing her entire

life, with a different career, relationships and completely morphed life goals all at play.

"The Midnight Library" is a story that forces us to beg the question: what makes life worth living, and what possible dangers are posed from regretting your past choices?

In a similar fashion, Duchess Goldblatt's memoir, "Becoming Duchess Goldblatt", addresses life's biggest questions; how can we reclaim life after grief? What slivers of positivity can come from loneliness, and lastly, how can joyous escapism keep spirits high.

This story is the perfect blend of reality and imagination, as readers are guided through the account of how the Twitter pseudonym Duchess Goldblatt, and all of

her wit and love for humanity, came to be from seclusion of the real-life writer who created this character.

If you are looking to dip your toe into the world of autobiographies but aren't quite sure if you can commit to a dense/heavy one, "Becoming Duchess Goldblatt" is a great first place to start.

Hopefully these books can provide you with some solace as we enter this cold (and often dreary) winter season.

### Honorable Mentions:

"Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin

"The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles

"Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott



# Not So Thankful About Finals Work During Thanksgiving Break



Harley Marks  
Opinions Editor

If you are a frequent Bucknellian reader, the title of this piece may seem familiar to you. I am back, one month later, with a follow-up to my previous article, "Dear Professors, Fall Break is Not For Homework."

Unfortunately, it seems that not many changes have been made on professors' parts to quell their students' anxieties surrounding assignments. While of course we are expected to complete all of our assignments to the best of our ability (we are in college after all), our breaks are designed for time off.

I was hesitant to write my article on homework during Fall break because the break is so short; it is essentially just a long weekend. But after experiencing the academic pressures that I did this past Thanksgiving break, I am validated in my feelings on this injustice.

While none of my end-of-semester papers or projects were technically due over the Thanksgiving break, they were due within a few days of our return to campus. In addition, the majority of students' final papers (from what I've heard and experienced myself) are due the week before finals begin.

This leaves students with a choice: do I sacrifice downtime with my family to get ahead on work, or do I leave all of my assignments to complete within just a few days upon my arrival to school?

This is not a fair choice to make. To reiterate, breaks are designed for relaxation and tranquility. However, Thanksgiving break specifically is meant for much more than that. Thanksgiving break is reserved for friends and family.

When we receive four emails in a row from professors about reminders, clarifications, and modifications on their assignments, the good vibes of break, so to speak, are completely tarnished.

Students are already fatigued. And by the end of the semester, they are at their breaking point. Being contacted by professors at a time separate from school is simply inappropriate. Please just let us reserve our stress for when we are on campus.

There is unfortunately not much more to say on this topic without this turning into a completely unproductive rant. However, this is my second call-to-action for professors to reconsider before you send out a class email during break.

# Respect for Marriage Act Is a Small Win

Amanda Malin  
Opinions Editor

The Senate passed the Respect For Marriage Act, a piece of legislation designed to protect interracial and same-sex marriage on Nov. 29.

It is projected to pass in the House as soon as next week, and be signed into law by the new year. The Respect for Marriage Act was devised in the wake of the overturn of Roe v. Wade earlier this year, which sparked national fear over the decay of civil liberties and privacy laws, and called into question the staying power of the precedent set by Obergefell v. Hodges.

President Joe Biden exclaimed that the passage of the act "will safeguard the rights and protections to which LGBTQI+ and interracial couples and their children are entitled," calling the legislation a "bipartisan achievement."

The Respect for Marriage Act entails a set of safeguards that protect the legal rights of married couples. For instance, if a same-sex married couple travels to a state where same-sex marriage is not legally recognized, that state must still consider their marriage legitimate. It also guarantees that the federal government will recognize all same-sex marriages if the union is valid in the state where they obtained a marriage license.

There were a multitude of caveats written into the bill in order to earn votes from senators who represent religious conservatives; including an

exception for religious organizations to not have to recognize same-sex marriages. It also does not federally mandate same-sex marriage, given that it is the current 'law of the land'. It simply recognizes that the majority-conservative Supreme Court could potentially reverse its 2015 precedent, necessitating intervention from the federal government.

The history of legal recognition of gay marriage in the United States is a tumultuous one, with the tide of public opinion only recently shifting in favor of gay marriage. Pew Research Center reports that in 2004, 60 percent of Americans opposed gay marriage. In 2019, that same poll showed that 61 percent of Americans were in favor of gay marriage. When adjusting for those who oppose gay marriage for "religious reasons," that number jumps to 79 percent.

It is great that the federal government is taking action to try to protect the right to gay marriage - particularly under a hostile SCOTUS. It is also a proper democratic maneuver that helps to reflect the will of the American people. However, it does not go far enough.

If the recent email sent out by the Catholic Campus Ministry is any indication, there is still a small (yet vocal) portion of the American public that does not respect the personal fundamental right to marry whomever you choose.

The Catholic Campus Ministry's Nov. 14 bulletin featured an anonymous student's question about dealing with same-sex attraction. They asked if they "will I still go to hell" for having these feelings, even if they never act on them.

The Ministry responded, "think of same sex attraction as any temptation or tendency to sin, similar to having sex outside of marriage or cheating on one's spouse. Acting on feelings toward those of the same sex is the sin of sodomy... which needs to be repented of immediately," and went on to suggest conversion therapy, and reminded the student that there was a future for them "without grave sin."

Not only was this a clear indication to the anonymous student of the Ministry's perspective on gay relationships, but it was also a signal to everyone on Bucknell's campus that there are places on Bucknell's campus where members of this community are not safe or welcomed.

The Respect for Marriage Act is a small step in the right direction, but it simply does not go far enough. If the Catholic Campus Ministry provides any indication, the bill fails to protect same-sex couples from the very organizations which seek to delegitimize and target them.

It also reminds the rest of us that we have a continued obligation to advocate for our peers and fellow Americans when it comes to upholding personal liberties, privacy, and freedom.

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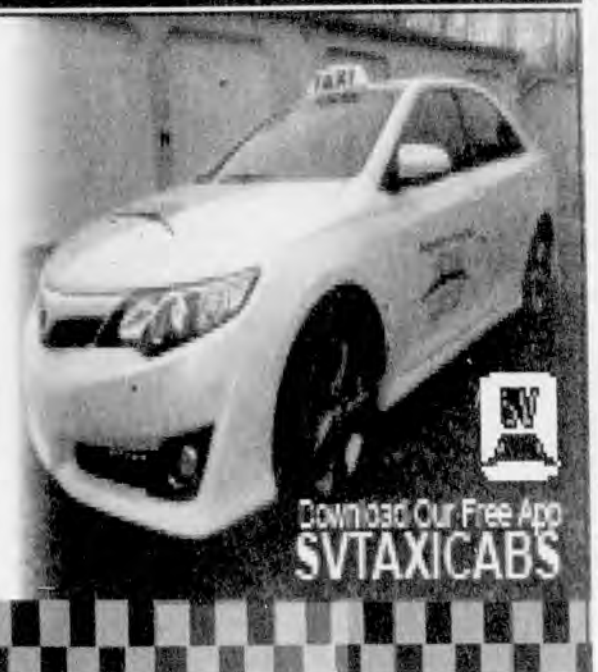
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# Meet the Editors

**Juliana Rodrigues**  
Special Features Co-Editor



**Editor-in-Chief: Jaxon White '23**

Jaxon started writing for The Bucknellian during his first year at Bucknell. Originally joining to receive extra credit from a teacher who recommended he join, he began as an opinions writer. The year after, he became the section editor. Jaxon later decided he wanted to pursue a career in journalism. He ran for and was elected to be the news editor during his junior year. As a student athlete on the Track and Field Team, Residential Advisor and student employee, Jaxon's involvements help him stay informed about what is going on around campus. Regarding his involvement with The Bucknellian, Jaxon has said that, "It's made my Bucknell experience. It has helped me realize what I want to do and given me an outlet to practice it. I've also made plenty of friends over the years with The Bucknellian, spending hours with them to meet deadlines and write last minute articles."

Getting involved with The Bucknellian his first semester of his first year, Max has since published over 45 satire articles. Incorporating skills from his involvements with the Peer Writing Center and the Open Discourse Coalition, Max has now been the satire editor for two semesters.

"Writing for The Bucknellian has enhanced my time at Bucknell and given me a hands-on view for how a paper operates. I'm very happy to provide entertainment to the student body. Being chosen as Satire Editor worked out perfectly given I'm the funniest guy I know," he said.



**Satire Editor: Max Bean '24**

During the fall semester of her junior year, Harley began writing for The Bucknellian. Since taking on the editor position for the opinion section, she has said that her involvement with Bucknell Student Government has helped her stay aware of events happening on campus. She is also constantly working to improve her writing skills as a student employee in the Writing Center.

Speaking about The Bucknellian, she said, "...it has provided me with a space to have my unfiltered thoughts and opinions heard by the campus community; writing for The Bucknellian empowers you to make change."



**Opinions Co-Editor: Harley Marks '23**



**News Editor and Communications Director: Bridgette Simpson '23**

Bridgette began writing for the Bucknellian during the first semester of her first year and took on the satire editor position as a sophomore. As a creative writing major and writer for HerCampus, Bridgette has extensive experience with writing and editing. Throughout the past four years, Bridgette has had over 80 articles published in The Bucknellian. "The newspaper has propelled my writing career forward in ways I couldn't have imagined, including helping me get job interviews, building my resume, and being chosen for internships," Bridgette said. "I have loved writing and editing for The Bucknellian and will miss it and all of the amazing people I met through it next semester."



**Graphics Manager: Kyle Putt '23**

Kyle got involved drawing graphics for The Bucknellian during his first year. Now, four years later, Kyle still holds the position. He explained that it has given him a creative outlet. He said, "Drawing graphics for The Bucknellian is my escape from the perpetual torment of mechanical engineering."

Starting as a writer for special features during her sophomore year, Juliana has stayed involved with the section ever since. Being involved with the dance program, Greek Life and the ResED office, Juliana is able to bring up to date events or topics to the section for students. She says The Bucknellian has been a way for her to make new connections and encourage her friends to write and get involved.



**Special Features Co-Editor: Juliana Rodrigues '24**



**Print Managing Editor: Haley Beardsley '24**

In the Spring of 2021, Haley became a contributing writer for The Bucknellian. She was then elected for an editor position for the opinions section before taking on her role this year. At Bucknell, she is a part of the Women's Crew Team, conducts research for the Digital Humanities department, and works as an intern for the Bucknell University Press. Haley says that she "endures the stress headaches induced by staring at the Acer screens every Wednesday" out of love for the staff.

Starting as an opinions writer during her sophomore year, Amanda began her position as editor this year. She has said that her involvements on campus have helped her understand what is important to students. For Amanda, she says The Bucknellian has been a way for her to connect with others who like journalism.



**Opinions Co-Editor: Amanda Maltin '24**



**Photography Co-Editor: Maddie Hamilton '23**

Before taking on her current role, Maddie has acted as a photographer and assistant photography editor for the paper. Maddie can be seen around campus at various events taking pictures and also as a tour guide through her involvement with the Office of Admissions. "Taking pictures is a great opportunity for me to go to events that I normally would not choose for myself, and by doing so, I gain insight and new experiences every time," Maddie said.

Since Spring of this year, Oluwasefunmi has held a position as a Photography Co-Editor. With her other involvements on campus such as T.E.A.M. and BASA, she helps to ensure important stories and perspectives are covered. Oluwasefunmi has enjoyed this role because it has given her the opportunity to "to do some of what [she loves] and capture many beautiful moments with beautiful people at Bucknell."



**Photography Co-Editor: Oluwasefunmi Oluwafemi '25**



**Digital Managing Editor: Sal Iovino '24**

Having been involved with the Bucknellian since his first year, Sal formerly wrote for the opinions section and held an editor position for the section during his sophomore year. As a literary studies minor, Sal uses what he learns to help him with different writing styles and editing skills. "Writing for the Bucknellian has been my main campus involvement and something I enjoy talking with people about and bringing people into," Sal said. "Everyone has things to say, and I think it's great that we as a staff give people an outlet to have their voice heard. It's a safe place to write about writing for The Bucknellian, don't?"

Taking on an editor position for the first time this year, Kelsey originally started writing during their first year. Having had previous involvement with technical theatre on campus, they are able to stay aware of theatre performances to include in Special Features. Kelsey said that The Bucknellian has helped them become more involved on campus and be more aware of current events.



**Special Features Co-Editor: Kelsey Werkheiser '25**



**Sports Editor: Clara McCormick '23**

After being recommended by a former sports editor during her first year at Bucknell, Clara started writing for The Bucknellian. As a varsity athlete on the field hockey team, Clara is able to stay up to date with Bucknell sports. Outside of The Bucknellian, Clara is an editorial intern for West Branch literary magazine, which is located at the Studier Center on campus. While abroad this past summer, she was also an intern for Civil Service World, a magazine devoted for civil servants across the United Kingdom, where she wrote, interviewed and edited articles.

Prior to her current role, Dora held positions as assistant news editor and layout editor. Dora talks about the rewarding experiences she has gained writing and editing for The Bucknellian.

"The Bucknellian staff is such an amazing group of people that make all of the time spent at Stuck House feel worth it," she said.



**Print Presentation Director: Dora Kreitzer '25**





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## Flo Rida and Yung Gravy to perform at Bucknell's Spring Concert

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Maximus Bean  
News Co-Editor

Flo Rida and Yung Gravy will be coming to campus on March 31 to perform at the Spring 2023 Spring Concert as the headliners for the event, taking place in Sojka Pavilion.

Flo Rida, also known as Tramar Dillard, is an American rapper and singer best known for international hits like "Right Round," "Good Feeling," "Wild Ones," "Whistle," "I Cry" and "My House."

He has previously sold 80 million records worldwide. In 2023, Flo Rida was awarded \$82.6 million from the company Celsius energy drinks after claiming they breached a contract with him and then tried to hide the money. Flo

Rida had an endorsement deal with them, serving as a brand ambassador from 2014 to 2018.

Yung Gravy, whose legal name is Matthew Hauri, is a SoundCloud rapper-turned-platinum artist. He began gaining traction in 2017 with his song "Mr. Clean" on TikTok and, as of 2023, has toured internationally seven times. His song "Betty (Get Money)" hit the Billboard Hot 100 for the first time in 2022.

"We are so excited to have two headliners this year, which is something we haven't done in the past," head of marketing for the Concert Committee Jules Chakos '23 said. "Having an older well known artist and a newer artist will be a nice mix to have together because

it helps fill a broader spectrum of music tastes. We are really hoping for a big turnout."

There was a mix of hype both for Flo Rida and Yung Gravy from the student population. Upon learning about the duo, students had positive reactions, ranging from smiles to shocked faces.

"I listened to Flo Rida all the time in my younger years, like in middle school," Whit Walter '23 said. "I'm ecstatic!"

Kemper Coffelt '24 said, "I could not be more excited," and was joined by Natty Dunn '25 who said, "It would be the party of the century."

"Yung Gravy is a bigger slayer in today's age...," Jake Schaefer '24 said, comparing the younger artist's music to

those which had brought Flo Rida fame back in the 2000's. While Flo Rida was "on a comedown" in Schaefer's opinion, Yung Gravy was definitely the reason to go.

For many Bucknellians, Flo Rida and Yung Gravy undoubtedly have special places in students' hearts.

Luckily for them, all Bucknell Students may claim one free ticket starting on January 30, and they can also purchase an additional ticket for a student-adjusted price of \$25. On Feb. 2, tickets will become available for the general public for \$40. Committee members encouraged students to get their tickets early because they likely won't last very long.

## Former Bucknell employee charged with threats against university president

Jaxon White  
Editor in Chief

A former Bucknell employee has been charged after allegedly threatening university officials and traveling to President John Bravman's home last week.

Raymond Kacyon Jr., a 55-year-old Danville resident, has been charged with terroristic threats, resisting arrest from law enforcement, disorderly conduct and harassment, following an incident at President Bravman's home on University Ave. at 4:50 p.m. on Jan. 11.

Kacyon worked at Bucknell University as the facilities designer and system coordinator until 2019, said Bucknell Communications Director Mike Ferlazzo. Ferlazzo said he couldn't share why Kacyon no longer works for the University.

According to a public criminal complaint filed by a Public Safety officer, Kacyon sent threatening text messages about Bucknell administrators and traveled to Bravman's on-campus residence, acting "erratically" while making his way to the door.

Police said Kacyon then resisted arrest from responding officers,

including Chief of Public Safety Anthony Morgan. Kacyon was placed in the back of a marked patrol vehicle and repeatedly kicked the windows of the back seat, leading to Kacyon being medically sedated, said law enforcement.

Kacyon paid his \$25,000 bail, according to Magisterial District Judge Jeffrey Rowe's office, and he has a preliminary hearing at the Union County Courthouse on Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.

Morgan said he could not elaborate on efforts being made to protect Bravman and students after the incident, but he said to The Bucknellian that officers "certainly are doing everything we can to ensure the safety, security and well being of the President of the institution, like we would any member of Bucknell."

A Public Safety vehicle has been parked outside of Bravman's house since the incident.

A campus alert was emailed to the student body roughly one hour after the alleged incident took place, saying there was "no safety threat to the campus community"

and that neighboring roads were closed for the time being.

Trevor Drescher '25, who walked past the crime scene before the campus alert was sent, said he saw a number of Public Safety vehicles and officers surrounding Bravman's house.

"I could not help but to think that the president's family could have been involved," Drescher said. "That evening I searched news sources but did not find anything about the incident. I then received the campus email, however, this did not ease my worries for the community and specifically the people living near the University Avenue intersection."

When asked about the delay in sending the campus alert, Morgan said all of Public Safety's resources "were committed," and "...this wasn't an active situation where we were dealing with someone who was able to access any part of campus, or place, students, or the broader campus community, or broader Lewisburg community in any sort of harm or danger. It was quickly contained."

## MLK Keynote Speaker

Mayor Ras Baraka reminds students: "you have a responsibility to fight for humanity"

Dora Kreitzer  
Print Managing Editor

In the keynote speech of Bucknell's annual Martin Luther King week themed "Legacies: Leaving a Path to Follow," Newark Mayor Ras Baraka encouraged students to leave a legacy of good, to imagine and build something better than society today, and to be remembered on the right side of history.

Baraka is the 40th Mayor for the city of Newark, N.J. His family has lived in Newark for over 80 years; his parents Amiri and Amina Baraka were influential artists and community organizers. Baraka has spent his life following their legacy while creating his own.

To start, Baraka dedicated his talk to Viola Liuzzo, an Italian American woman and civil rights activist who traveled from her home in Detroit, Michigan to Selma, Alabama to join a march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

While shuttling marchers back and forth from the Montgomery Airport, she was shot and killed by a car full of Klu Klux Klan members. Baraka dedicated his speech to her because most people do not know who she is, but she created a legacy that should be recognized and celebrated.

Baraka warned that King's legacy is more pertinent to us now than any time since King's assassination. Describing our country as "witnessing a growing atmosphere of hatred and violence," Baraka cited examples of books being banned,

voting rights being challenged, the division of democracy as states rights grow, Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders writing executive orders to prohibit teaching critical race theory, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis banning AP African American Studies in public schools and the election of Donald Trump in 2016.

More localized, Baraka stated that Newark is the fourth most segregated school district in the country: more than half of Black and brown students go to schools that are 90 percent Black and brown. In the state of New Jersey, as Baraka mentioned, white families' median wealth is over \$320,000 and Black families' is \$17,700.

This drew Baraka into his work as Mayor. He stated that he is beyond angry with the history of violence towards Black bodies and communities that persists today and is instead working daily to address a system "fit for inequality."

Given the current context, Baraka said, "we don't celebrate King as just an icon of the past, but more as a North Star to direct us for what it is that we need to be doing now."

Baraka praised King for his protest in radical love. Despite all of the hardships and inequalities, he had faith in God and thus believed that one day, the symbolic David will slay Goliath, and justice will be served. Here, Baraka was sure to note that the notion of justice that we are taught

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JAXON WHITE, EDITOR IN CHIEF / THE BUCKNELLIAN



# breaking the bubble

Madison Kurtz  
Staff Writer

## DOMESTIC

Seven people were killed in a mass shooting last Monday in Half Moon Bay, Calif. The tragedy took place at a farm where the suspect, 66 year old Chunli Zhao, worked. It is believed that the attack was an instance of workplace violence. Zhao drove to a police station after the fact where he was arrested. Half Moon Bay is the state's third mass shooting in eight days. 11 other people were killed during Lunar New Year celebrations in Monterey Park on Jan. 21 and six people were killed in Goshen, Calif., on Jan. 16.

Classified documents were found in former Vice President Mike Pence's Indiana home last Monday, Jan. 23. His attorney, Matt Morgan discovered over a dozen of them in four boxes and alerted the National Archives. The FBI and the Justice Department's National Security Division have begun reviewing them. Greg Jacob, Pence's representative wrote to the National Archives that, "Vice President Pence was unaware of the existence of sensitive or classified documents at his personal residence. Vice President Pence understands the high importance of protecting sensitive and classified information and stands ready and willing to cooperate fully with the National Archives and any appropriate inquiry."

The Biden administration is being sued by 20 Republican states over the humanitarian parole program on the basis that the program's recent expansion is unlawful. The program started in October for Venezuelans, allowing a limited number to fly into the country with the prerequisite of having a sponsor. A recent expansion of this program could allow up to 30,000 migrants into the country per month and would include the countries of Haiti, Nicaragua and Cuba. The adjusted program would also allow migrants to receive work permits and a two-year authorization to live in the United States. The states claim that the humanitarian parole program offers "exceptionally limited" parole power to the estimated 360,000 migrants that could enter the United States each year. They argue that the standard for use of parole implemented by Congress, described as on a "case-by-case basis for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit," is an unattainable standard given this influx of migrants. They argue that citizens would also face rising costs of social services. The states proceeding with the lawsuit are Texas, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming.

## INTERNATIONAL

The Justice Department filed a lawsuit last Tuesday against Google for abusing its monopoly on website and mobile application ads. Ad-tech tools controlled by Google facilitate most buying and selling of ads that help to fund publishers online, and the company has taken steps to successfully monopolize the industry. The Justice Department claims that the company has hurt the ad-tech industry by forcing web publishers and advertisers that try using competing products to use theirs. The lawsuit specifically calls for the breakup of Google's business brokering advertising online and the divestiture of Google's ad exchange. Attorney General Merrick Garland stated at a press conference last week that, "For 15 years Google has pursued a course of anticompetitive conduct that has allowed it to halt the rise of rival technologies, manipulate auction mechanics, insulate itself from competition, and forced advertisers and publishers to use its tools. Google has engaged in exclusionary conduct that has severely weakened if not destroyed competition in the ad-tech industry."

A new system to capture carbon emissions from factories has been developed at Pacific Northwest National Lab, and can perform at the cheapest cost ever reported in a peer-reviewed scientific journal. The technique starts with removing carbon dioxide from the source before it reaches the atmosphere. It then travels to a chamber where it is eventually compressed and transported to be converted to a carbonate and stored underground. The energy needed to follow through with the process comes directly from the factory. To install this system would cost \$750 million, so to incentivize factory owners, the lab has also developed a reactor that would pump a small amount of the solvent from the carbon capture system into another reactor that can be used to make products like methanol or methane that companies can sell.

# Bucknell students see first snow of the semester



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## Baraka Speech

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to associate with MLK is an underestimation.

Far beyond everyone being treated by their character rather than the color of their skin, King favored guaranteed income for all, decent affordable housing, fair wages, reparations for centuries of economic exploitation and ultimately, as Baraka put it, not focusing "on the words without focusing on the works."

"King tried to develop an offensive strategy that we miss completely," said Baraka. "He didn't go to D.C. just to tell people to love him or just to be recognized as a human being. He went there to make the words written on the Constitution real, to seek repair for millions of our ancestors whose bones rest at the bottom of the Atlantic, whose blood stains the fabric of this democracy."

In doing so, Baraka called his audience to begin to create their own legacy: either a legacy of a struggle for progress and justice or a legacy of selfishness, greed and inequity.

Baraka sang two versions of the song "Which side are you on?" One was from a coal miner's fight for union wages in Harlan County, Kentucky in the 1930s, and the other was from Mississippi in the fight for desegregation during the 1960s.

Both songs share the same message—people must pick a side: either that of the union men and the freedom fighters or of the sheriff and the governor, who are repressing the progress of justice. Baraka stated that despite the separation of time, "it's really the same fight. It's really the same struggle."

"You have to choose sides, and history will record you on one side or the other," Baraka said. "It's not enough to be woke... you actually have to be informed. You have to be

informed, and you have to use that information to build what you want to see."

This is a legacy that Baraka believes Dr. King established through his work. Baraka accredited King with a radical imagination, which he used not only to see a better place but to go out and build it. So when celebrating King's legacy, Baraka reminded students that we cannot simply talk about how bad things are or how far we have progressed; the conversation must continue to how far we have to go.

"We have to be in the tradition of people who actually fought for democracy, who believed in humanity, who struggled to make the world a better place," said Baraka. "We have to be in that tradition, no matter what we decide to do."

In closing his speech, Baraka called on college students to be the change. He is optimistic; Baraka believes—he has to believe—that the hundreds and thousands of students in college right now are using their educations and degrees to create positive change in the trajectory of our out.

"I have to believe, I have to pray that every day you guys are going to resist," stated Baraka. "That you're going to be in the legacy of Martin Luther King and not the legacy of slavers... that you are going to march like Viola Liuzzo did. That you're going to go all the way down to Selma. And Selma, to some of us, is not that far."

Baraka's keynote speech was one of many events organized as a part of MLK Week, which took place from Jan. 16-27.

The final event of this 11 day commemoration is a screening of "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" at the Campus Theatre on Friday the 27 at 8 p.m.

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## Lewisburg to host annual Polar Bear Plunge Fundraiser

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On Saturday, Feb. 4, Lewisburg will host their 19th annual Polar Bear Plunge. This winter fundraiser consists of donors "plunging" into the (sometimes frozen) Susquehanna River, whether in a bathing suit, warmer clothing or even costume.

The event usually brings in more than 250 plungers, many of them being Bucknell Students. Some of the plungers have been long-time participants, and some travel from out of state. In addition to plungers, up to 1,000 people attend the event just to watch all the fun.

Each year, one lucky winner is awarded the "Golden Plunger" award, which is passed down from the previous year's winner. When Taylor Lightman, program manager at Lewisburg Neighborhoods Corporation, was asked what constitutes a winner, he said, "you know it when you see it."

All of the money raised from the event goes to the Lewisburg Neighborhoods Corporation, which is a non-profit founded in 2007 to help revitalize Lewisburg neighborhoods. The LNC's main

focuses are programming, policy and grant work.

The LNC organizes initiatives such as litter pick-ups and efforts towards preventing flooding and preserving housing. They also helped to write the grant that funded the recent remodel of Hufnagle Park. LNC also receives funding from the Bucknell Community Engagement Fund, which helps to facilitate campus and town engagement.

The Polar Bear Plunge is further funded by sponsors like Gilson Snow, the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau and Seven Mountains Media. Last year, the Plunge raised around \$7,300, and the goal for this year is \$10,000.

Standard tickets to partake in the event, which includes Dunkin' hot chocolate and a commemorative hat, cost \$15. Participants can upgrade to a \$40 "Pregame the Plunge" ticket for admission into private parties hosted at Trevina, Hungry Run Distilling and Brasserie Louis. This includes a \$25 Trevina Tap Card, a complimentary shot at Hungry Run Distilling, complimentary beer from Rusty Rail and appetizers at Brasserie Louis. With the \$60 "SRV VIP Ticket,"

you'll receive 10am-11am early entrance at Trevina with complimentary brunch appetizers, coffee, Bloody Marys and mimosas, in addition to all the previous benefits.

Depending on their ticket level, participants will rotate from one stop to another prior to the plunge. There will also be some vendors set up along S. Front Street. Registration begins at 12:30, followed by a parade to the boat launch at 2, featuring Bucknell's pep band. Participants will then take the plunge at 2:30, and the Golden Plunger will be awarded at 3.

Last year, the ice storm before the Plunge made descending down into the river too dangerous. As an alternative, the fire company set up a temporary pool that is usually used for rural fires where they cannot access a fire hydrant. A photo of students plunging into this pool was featured on The Guardian's "best photographs of the day from around the world."

If you want to contribute towards the Polar Bear Plunge's fundraising goal, make sure to register for the plunge before February 1 to avoid last-minute additional ticket fees.



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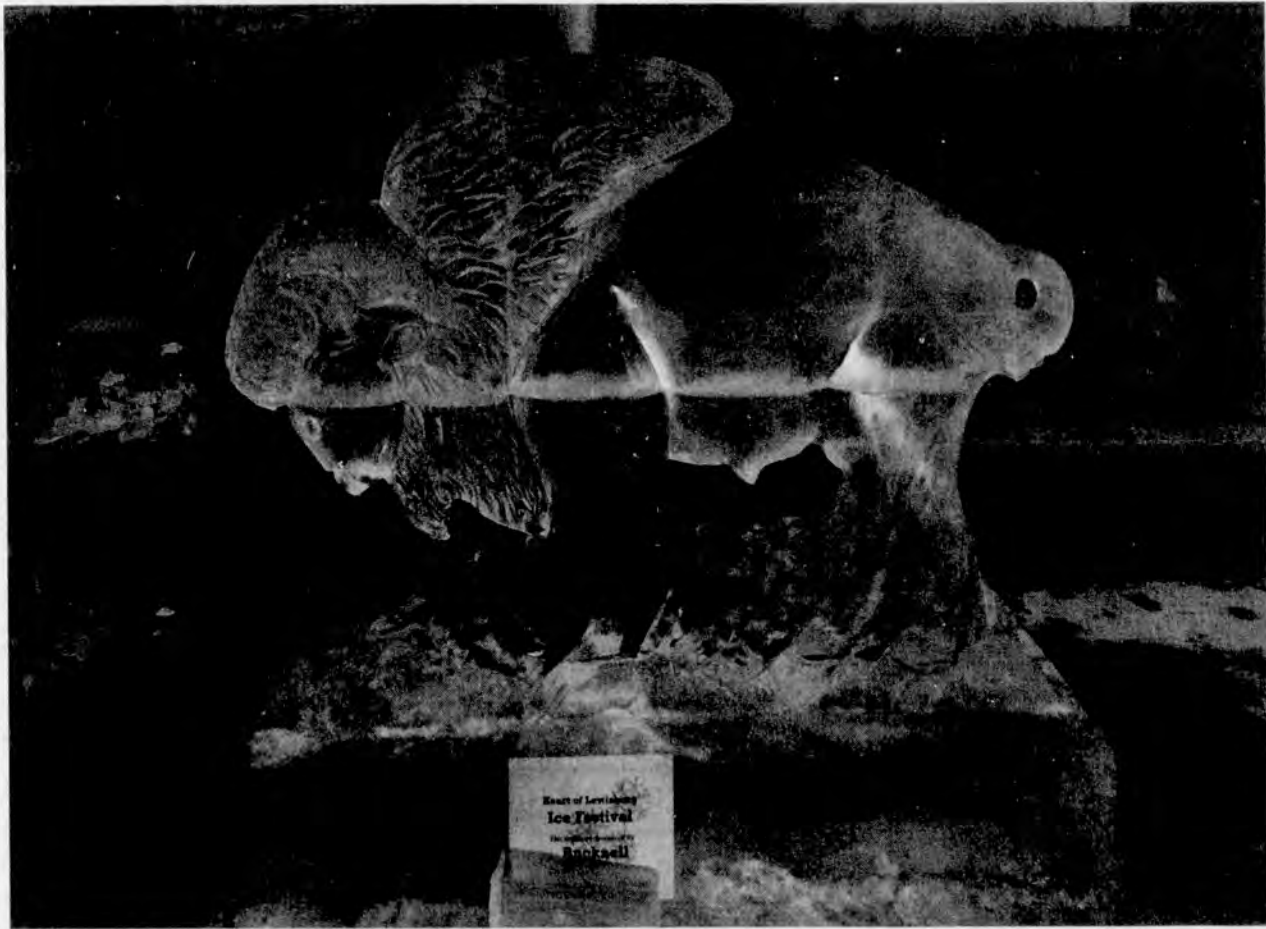
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## Lewisburg's annual Ice Festival warms hearts



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Lewisburg will be hosting their annual Heart of Lewisburg Ice Festival, sponsored by Evangelical Community Hospital, on Feb. 3 and 4.

The event will kick off with the ice carving event on Friday at 10 a.m., in front of the Lewisburg Post Office and then will continue in Hufnagle Park in the afternoon, according to a press

release from the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership. Just under 40 finished ice carvings will be stationed outside of stores on Market Street, often related to the store they're in front of.

Brushstrokes hosts their annual Warm Your Heart fundraiser on Friday. Starting at 11 a.m., the local art store will display a mini

gallery of art by their in-house artists. Each piece will be available for a minimum donation of \$25, which benefits The Scratching Post Cat Cafe and Haven to Home Canine Rescue. Since its founding in 2009, the event has raised over \$16,000 for local rescues.

The last event on Friday is "Sip and Stroll" from

4-8 p.m., sponsored by the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau. The event will involve "strolling" through downtown to seven different stores where they can enjoy samples of wine, spirits and snacks, according to the Partnership. There are a maximum of 200 tickets available, sold at \$25 before the event and \$30 on the day of the event. Each attendee will receive a reusable cup, map of the event and bag of snacks and other goodies. Registration will be at 328 Market Street.

Saturday's events start with the Frosty 5K, put on by Sunset Rotary and sponsored by Weis Markets. It starts at 9 a.m. from the Campus Theatre. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be children's activities in Hufnagle Park hosted by Lewisburg Children's Museum, Merrill Linn Conservancy and the River Valley Nature School.

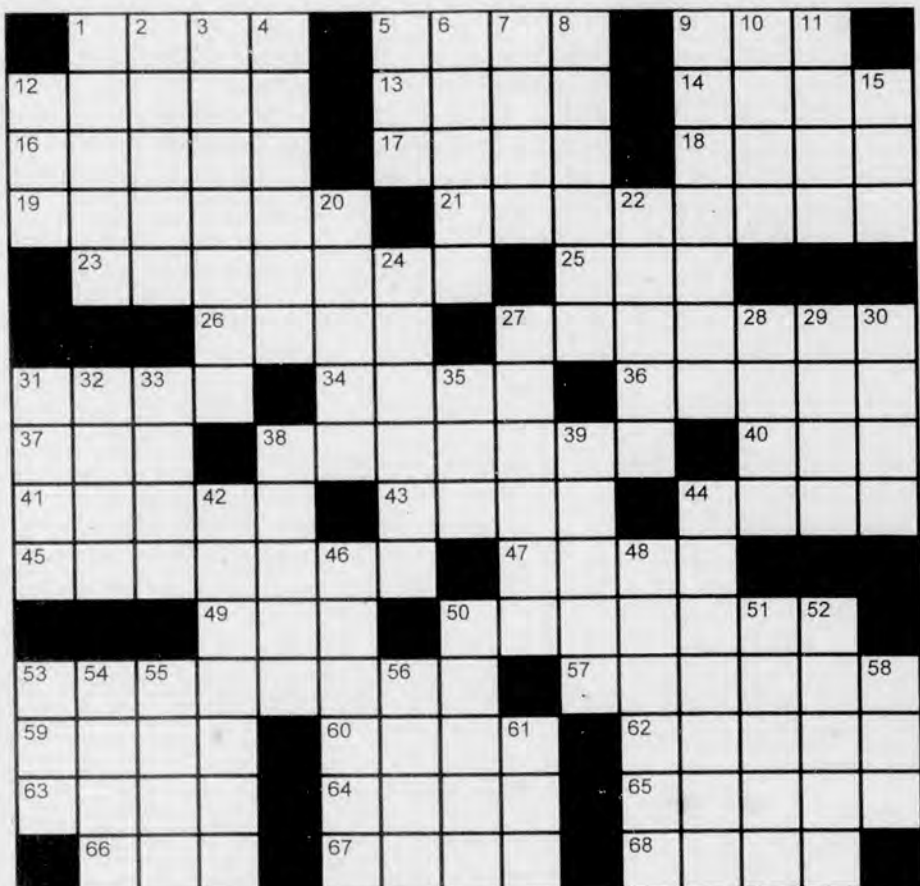
There will also be vendors along Market Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., serving warm snacks and drinks. The 20th annual Chocolate Festival will run tours and activities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., to benefit the Donald L. Heiter Community Center, a non-profit organization supporting community initiatives. At 6:30 p.m., the Chocolate Gala and Auction will be hosted at the Lewisburg hotel.

At 1 p.m., the Campus Theatre will be featuring the family-friendly movie "Balto." After the pregame and a brief parade to the boat docks, the Polar Plunge will kick off at 2:30 p.m. From 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Bull Run, there will be the Hearty Chili Cook Off presented by Sunrise Rotary and sponsored by RE/MAX Bridges. Tasting and voting will be available for \$5 donations, and additional votes can be purchased for \$1.



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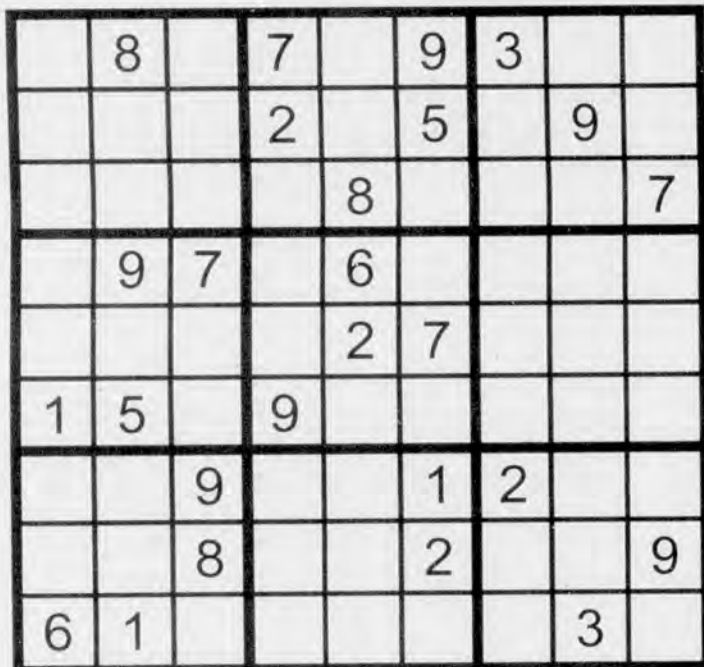


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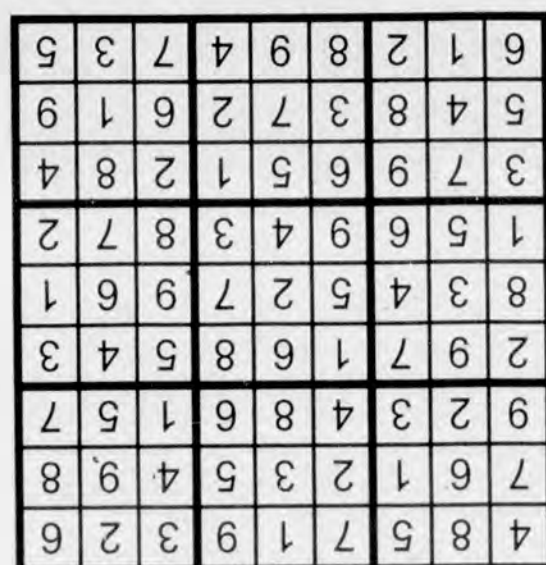


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## Bucknell Basketball stays undefeated since protein powder added to smoothie

AJ Lawrence

Senior Writer

When sports teams do well, especially after long unlucky streaks, fans tend to wonder how. What is making this team so good?

Is it a new training regimen? Some super secret dietary plan? Have they just grown as a team, strengthening their bonds and polishing their techniques until they're playing like a well-oiled machine? Well for the Bucknell Bison Basketball teams, the answer is quite simple, but surprising: smoothies.

That's right, the secret to their improved playing is thanks to the build-your-own smoothie bars located in a multitude of the campus' dining areas. They offer a variety of healthy ingredients and superfoods that students can choose from to get a smoothie best suited to their tastes. It should be no surprise that most of Bucknell's athletes regularly flock to the smoothie bars for those delicious boosts of energy, especially after the bars started to offer protein powder as a smoothie add-on.

There's plenty of debate about the benefits of the supplement, but the athletes of Bucknell seem very in favor of the new, yet quite basic, protein powder in their smoothies due to the unbelievable feats of athleticism they have performed since consuming the protein packed drinks.

Athletes have reported feeling stronger and faster while competing, or even just working out, after having a

smoothie with the protein powder added in. From winning more in competitions to beating consecutive personal records, athletes in all of Bucknell's sports teams have improved with their new smoothie inclusion, in turn boosting their morale and competitive spirit. In their last game, Women's Basketball center Patricia Baller finished the game with an unprecedented double-double of 30 points and 24 assists.

Her teammate and fellow smoothie lover, shooting guard Sabrina Game, made 27 successful three-pointers in a row, leagues better than her already impressive record. During the most recent men's basketball game, the crowd was wild, impressed by power forward Jordan Hoops' lightning quick speed across court and his incredible slam-dunk where he managed to jump clear above the hoop in one go!

Damien Dribbler, a center for the men's team, voiced what everyone was thinking when he said, "YOOWO! That was insane! He was like something out of Space Jam, man!"

The miraculous abilities of these athletes are certainly something from out of this world and have made the games much more entertaining. Ticket sales are already increasing as more fans want to witness the next marvelous display, and between these recent events and the increase in fan support, a spark of hope for continued wins across campus has been ignited.

## Fraudulent Dean's List issued by frustrated students that didn't make the cut

Aaron Chin

Satire Co-Editor

Let's face it, thriving at an academically rigorous institution can be tough. Students constantly face immense pressure to perform well in school, whether from their friends and family or from themselves. If a student receives a C on a test or 60 percent on a quiz, it can be enough to ruin their day.

One achievement benchmark that is highly coveted by the students here is the ever-glamorous Dean's List, a list of students recognized each semester for their high academic achievements. Specifically, the students on the Dean's List must achieve a GPA of at least 3.5 for the semester.

This past semester, hundreds of talented students were able to make the Dean's List. However, there were many students who felt that they were worthy but didn't quite make the cut.

One such student was named Dean, a sophomore student who got 3.4 GPA and was ultimately snubbed from the Dean's List. This crushed Dean, who reported, "I really just wanted to make my family proud. They really expected me to make the Dean's List this semester."

This got Dean thinking. Was there any way to make the students who did not make the Dean's List feel proud of themselves and of

their accomplishments? Or, rather, is there any way to showcase these students' academic achievements?

Last week, Dean published his own version of the Dean's List on his website called "Dean's List," which recognizes students who performed well academically, but did not make the official Dean's List. Specifically, he accepted students with GPAs between 3.1 and 3.4 which totaled nearly half of the students on campus.

This skyrocketed Dean to popularity, as many students now herald Dean as a local hero; his latest post on Fizz has 3,000 likes, and he's constantly surrounded by a crowded paparazzi. Several students reported that they now feel heard thanks to Dean. One student even put that they made "Dean's List" on their resume, and it has since landed them a job at a high-end engineering firm.

One student also said, "I take so many difficult classes and participate in so many clubs and extracurriculars that I only have two hours left in the day to spare for sleep and studying. Obviously, I'll choose to sleep and won't have time to make the actual Dean's List this semester, and that's why I'm so grateful for Dean's List!"

## KLARC shut down to recover from post-New Year's overflow

Thao Nguyen

Staff Writer

With the new year officially upon us, now is the time that many people attempt to fulfill their New Year's resolutions. Some people task themselves with challenging resolutions, such as perfecting an Elvis Presley impersonation to test Austin Butler's theory about the accent becoming permanent.

Others choose more attainable goals, including drinking more water out of their new Stanley cups that replaced their barely-rusted Hydro Flasks. However, despite the abundance of different resolutions one could work towards, the most common resolution for college students is always to work out more.

In an anonymous survey conducted by New Year, Same You-niversity last month, around 52 percent of Americans admitted that working out more is their resolution for 2023. Therefore, it is no surprise that students here at Bucknell are getting their gains at the KLARC more than ever.

This influx of students not only tempered with the

ecosystem of frat bros and gym rats, who make up the majority of the KLARC's population, but it also led to the KLARC temporarily shutting down due to constant overcapacity.

"I'm all for people trying to exercise and be healthy, but this has gotten out of control. Not only do we not have enough equipment for everyone, but some of our equipment has mysteriously disappeared," a KLARC student employee said.

Weird sweat marks have also been found across the pieces of equipment as the high occupancy of the gym has led to the gym being more congested and hot; for instance, on the seat of one of the bench press machines, there was, strangely, a face mark.

In the past few weeks, gym staff has been coming up with many creative ways to manage the crowd levels. Prior to the KLARC shutting down, gym staff members asked students to share machines with one another due to the crowd level.

Consequently, many students elected to two at a time

on the treadmills, which was a big learning curve. Due to the shortage of free weights, some students also have to share dumbbells together with one student carrying one end and the other student carrying the other, having to lift in sync.

One gym regular and baseball player, Jack Fit, was especially saddened when the KLARC shut down.

"I was really disappointed to see the gym close!" Fit said. "The gym was my home, bro. And thanks to these NARPs, I have nowhere to do my sets and to check out my rock hard abs in the mirror for my TikTok nation—@jackfit Xtreme," Fit said angrily as he instinctively flexed his raging biceps. He continued, "Good thing I took some of the free weights and other equipment from there to my dorm. I knew this day would come."

The KLARC has not announced an official reopening date, but we will keep you updated as soon as we hear any news, especially for our fellow gym rats.

## Textbooks are too expensive! Financially conscious students write their own

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Welcome back, Bucknellians. As students settle into their new classes, many endure the dreaded struggle to obtain textbooks. Seasoned students know not to shop at the Bucknell bookstore as it is notorious for its outrageous prices. As a result, many thrifty Bucknellians buy books second hand.

Buster Wallet '24 said, "My first year, I got swindled into giving a bookstore worker all my dining dollars. Now, I just buy books from secondhand sites." Many students find Buster's experience all too relatable.

While experienced Bucknellians know to avoid the downtown bookstore, newcomers continue to fall into the trap of buying overpriced books. Some students even went into debt this semester. Naïve and unsuspecting first year Suttan Labor '26, didn't read the contract she signed when she bought her Econ 101 textbook. Now, she is legally obligated to mop the floors of the bookstore every Monday until she graduates.

In retaliation to the bookstore, financially conscious students are writing their own

textbooks for their courses. Chip Skate '23, wrote his electrical engineering textbook. While the cover looks like the actual required book, Chip's version contains the full script of the beloved Pixar film "Monsters Inc." Local Lewisburg families have reported Chip for scaring children at the park. After believing "Monsters Inc." to be fact, no wonder Chip thinks electricity comes from children's screams.

Following the lead of Chip, Shasha Shaver '24 wrote her own Calc 1 textbook. The book solely consists of Khan Academy articles. Unexpectedly, Shaver finds her book better than the required text as it is more straightforward and easier to read.

Classics major Ida Hero '25 is reading the Percy Jackson series instead of her required books. As a result of her reading, Hero often leaves class early to battle "monsters" in the laundry room of Swartz. Although Ida is convinced of her heroic feats, other students believe the strange rumbling is caused by

first-years breaking the laundry machines.

Other students seek to make money by writing and selling their own textbooks. After taking a semester of Italian 101, first year student Robin Banks '26 is selling her book to other first year students. Her book mainly consists of Italian recipes and quotes from "The Godfather." Due to Robin's minimal grasp on Italian, her book did not reach her intended audience of students. Instead her work is circulating among cooking enthusiasts and fans of "The Godfather."

Furthermore, history students are reading transcripts of John Green's "Crash Course" episodes instead of their required textbooks. No wonder professors are reporting an increased amount of joke cracking and sarcasm in class.

Overall, although one may expect students with homemade textbooks to struggle in class, these financially conscious students are astounding us all as they seem to be doing better than their peers who got their books from the bookstore.

## Fizz infiltrates campus, YikYak enthusiasts revolt

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This past Tuesday, Bucknellians woke up to mysterious flyers outside their doors. Were these more advertisements to join Bison Nation? Reminders about hall events that nobody will attend?

Upon further examination, students were perplexed as they glanced at the neon papers in their hands. They read "Fizz is live at Bucknell! Download now!"

What was Fizz? As it turns out, Fizz is a social media app with essentially the same structure as YikYak. Students can anonymously post their deepest, raunchiest, drunkenest inner thoughts to the portal composed of other anonymous individuals in their area. What differentiates Fizz from YikYak is the nature of the posts. Rather than including just text comments, Fizz also allows users to post memes and interactive polls.

One student, first-year English/Lit Studies major Paige Turner commented, "I really liked YikYak, but now that I've seen Fizz it just seems boring."

At super, inebriated senior True Lees commented, "Fizz got mad rizz."

The Fizz rizz — the carbonation infatuation, if you will. This phenomenon truly has pervaded Bucknell's campus, enticing almost one thousand students to download the app in less than a week.

Although many are downloading Fizz, YikYak connoisseurs were not so quick to betray their loyalty. Fizz employees had paid dozens of Bucknell students \$15 each to distribute free donuts in the ELC to anyone who proved they had a Fizz account.

In response, YikYak officials offered \$20 to any student who stole a donut and fed it to the monkeys at the primate lab. YikYak also awarded \$30 to anyone who injected Fizz donuts with buffalo sauce, and they gave a whopping \$50 to those who threw an entire donut box into the Susquehanna.

These efforts backfired when somebody posted a meme on Fizz of a monkey holding a donut, captioned, "PSafe at the caf." This post alone accumulated over 800 upvotes, which only attracted more attention to Fizz.

YikYak enthusiasts enlisted the help of Lewisburg townies to take down this so-called "YikYak dupe". In contrast to Bucknell's students, whose support is divided between the two apps, townies unanimously prefer YikYak to Fizz. This is because on YikYak, anybody within a 5-mile radius of Bucknell can access campus content. On the other hand, one can only join the Bucknell Fizz forum if they register with their Bucknell email address.

Townies were enraged when they heard they would be missing out on the fun. Fueled by intense FOMO, many submitted applications to Bucknell, hoping to gain admission and a Bucknell email address of their own.

Bucknell is in a current state of turmoil. Last week, townies rolled into Sojka on their horse and buggies and stole all of the Bingo Blingo prizes in protest.

Once the social media face-off ceases, which app will prevail? Whether through Fizz or YikYak, one statement will always hold true: donuts are not a nutritious food choice for monkeys.



# New classes

are available for students

Connor Bennett, Staff Writer

The Bucknell liberal arts education encourages students to take classes outside of their major and school of study. This allows students to take classes that they enjoy, even outside of their requirements.

Bucknell adds new classes to the curriculum every year, with many of them based on current research being conducted by professors. The classes below are some of the more unique and interesting classes Bucknell is offering this semester.

**NEW!**

*Anthropology of Native North America (ANTH 256)*

This introductory course provides students with the anthropological ideals of contemporary North America. Students study the practices and beliefs of the Native people of North America through a variety of theories and methods. Through books, novels, films, and lectures, the students will learn about the various Native groups that existed in North America as well as the way they interacted with each other, the US government, the environment, and so much more. This course also fulfills the diversity in the US requirement.

*Public Speaking in the 21st Century (ENLS 109)*

This course offers an introduction for students into public speaking, focusing on historical speeches as well as the study and practice of speech writing. This brand new course has no prerequisites or major requirements. It will allow students to gain a better understanding and skilled usage of their speech, highlighting both verbal and non-verbal communication skills.

*Political Conspiracy Theories (POLS 290)*

This course dives into the ideas behind what makes a person more vulnerable to conspiracy theories and misinformation. Through lectures and discussions, students will learn about tendencies exploited by political elites as well the psychological factors behind the promotion of a conspiracy theory. The class will give students the skills to better understand misinformation and the important role it plays in modern day politics. While this class counts as an elective for the Political Science major, there are no prerequisites for any student to enroll.

*History of Brazil (HIST 280)*

This course aims to dive into the diverse and rich history of Brazil. Students will engage in the history of Brazil by having a transnational, comparative and global focus to events that have occurred in the country. The curriculum begins with the arrival of the Portuguese court in 1808 and ends with contemporary political topics and conflict in Brazil. Over 200 years of history in a semester course can seem overwhelming, but it will provide students with the information to really gain an understanding of the history of Brazil.

*Rainforest Eco-Pools in Latin America (ANTH 202)*

The role of deforestation and the human impact in Latin America is a major topic of this course. Students will develop an understanding of rainforest ecology and analyze the different ways forests are managed through critical thinking and writing. Course materials include historical readings, films, and documentaries. Students will study rainforests from the view of farmers, military and indigenous people, providing insight into the different views and impacts of deforestation.

*Organizational Response to Global Crisis (MORS 320)*

Professor Eric Martin has started to teach this new course that focuses on his research in disaster response and crisis situations. The curriculum of the course is particularly pertinent because of the Covid-19 pandemic, which is a main topic of Professor Martin's research. Some of the topics covered in the course include reforms in government, NGOs, and how humanitarian assistance is used during and after global crises. Students will obtain a better understanding of global response to crisis situations and come to understand them from an organizational perspective.

*Weirdest People in the World (UNIV 200)*

Weirdest people in the world is an integrated perspectives course that will now be available in both the fall and spring. This elective provides insight from a professors in both the economics department and political science department. Students will study how cognitive bias affects people's behavior in their analysis. More specifically, the course takes a look at whether or not certain behaviors are seen globally, and examine theories and evidence to explain why these trends appear. Associate Professor of Political Science John Doces spent a year in Western Africa conducting research on behavior and will be teaching the course with Professor Amy Wolaver.

*The Secret History of Words (CLAS 120)*

This course studies the origin of words and how English words often have Greek and Latin roots. Students will gain a better knowledge and understanding of specialized vocabulary of English words while at the same time learning about the history of the Mediterranean. The cross between word study and history provides students with a unique perspective that will benefit their studies for the rest of college or in post graduate studies.



# THE BUCKNELLIAN sports

**B1** — January 27, 2023

## Bucknell Women's Basketball falls short to Holy Cross

**Madison Rehak**  
Staff Writer

The Bison women's basketball team was defeated by the Holy Cross Crusaders in a hard-fought game this past Saturday, Jan. 21. Going into the competition, the Bison stood 2-5 in Patriot League play and needed to secure a win to come back from their record, while the Crusaders were undefeated thus far in the Patriot League this season.

During the first quarter, the Bison were leading the Crusaders 7-6 with the help of points by Emma Shaffer '23 and Emma Theodorsson '26. Shaffer received a penalty during the half and had to sit out, which created an early disadvantage for Bucknell.

Shortly in the second quarter the Bison threatened to take the lead back from Holy Cross. The team performed exceptionally well on defense and were able to execute with points from Remi Sisselmen '25, Grace Sullivan '26, Tai Johnson '23 and Julie Kulesza '24. After this comeback, the Crusaders put 32 on the board, compared to the Bison's 31.

The third quarter was mostly defensive with few offensive opportunities on each side. At the end of the quarter, the Crusaders broke the seal by making quite a few offensive plays

that put the Bison back further. The Bison trailed behind, putting up six points, while Holy Cross was able to take the lead by getting 15 points.

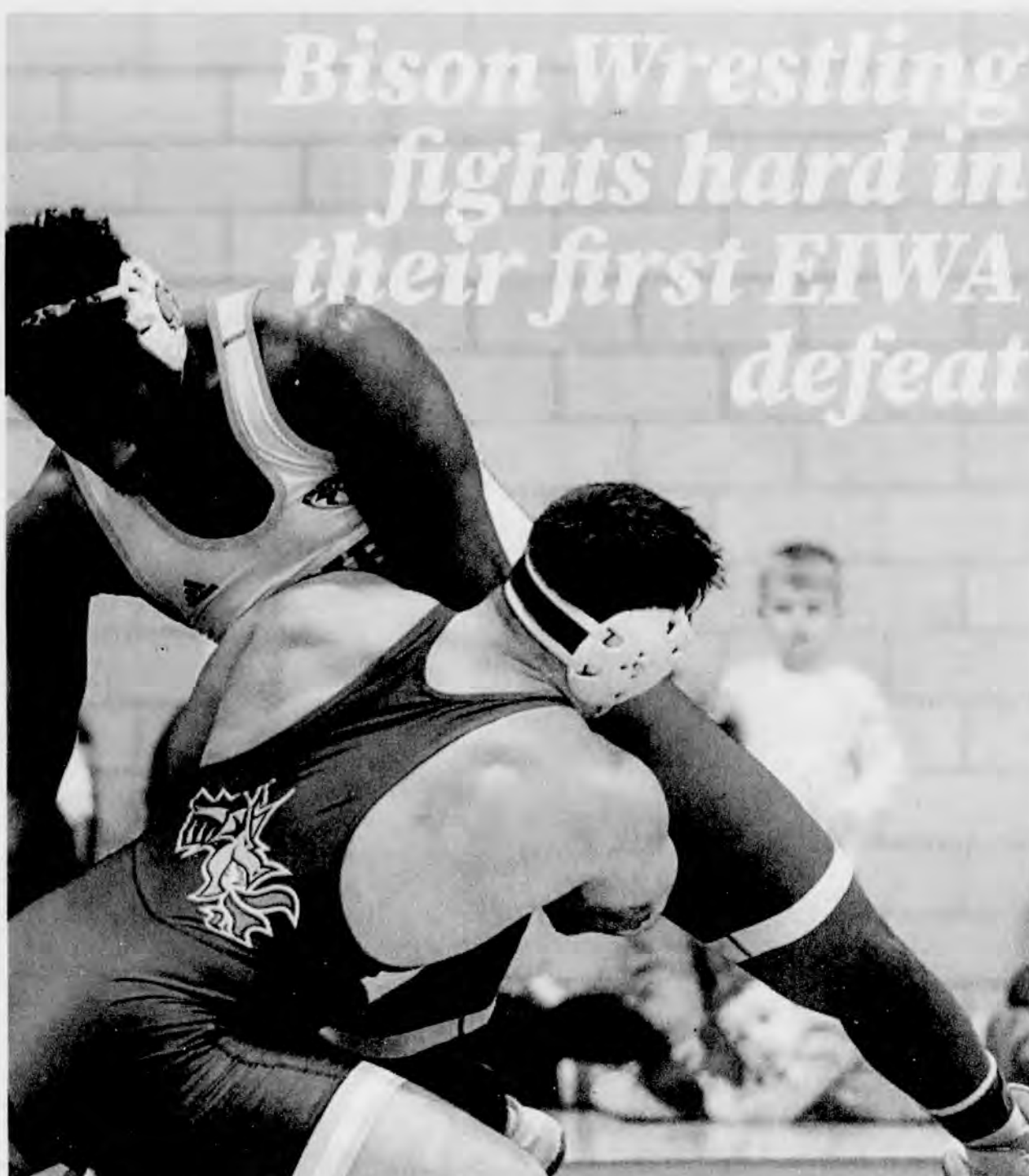
In the final quarter of the game, the Bison were able to put some significant points up but not enough to overcome the lead created by Holy Cross, leaving the final game score 50-69.

Overall, the Bison shot 42.9 percent on 21 of 49 baskets while Holy cross had an average of 47.3 percent on 26 of 55 baskets.

Johnson led with the most points for the Bison at 14 while Isabella King '25 put up 12.

"It was a really tough loss to Holy Cross, especially since we were playing well and the game was close at the half," Johnson said. "For the next game, our goal is to emphasize the importance of each possession— one possession can change the trajectory of the game. We need to be locked in and focused each quarter."

The Bison will face The Naval Academy in Annapolis for another Patriot League Matchup. Navy currently stands at 1-7 in the Patriot League. You can view the live statistics on the Bucknell Bison Athletics webpage or watch the game on ESPN+.



**Brooke Tracey**  
Senior Writer

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The Bison wrestling team returned to Davis Gym this past weekend in a match against EIWA foe, Drexel University. Met by the Dragon's nationally-ranked wrestlers, the Bison started off very strong.

It was not until halfway through the match that Drexel took the lead and maintained it.

Dorian Crosby '24 opened up the match for the Bison and recorded a 14-3 major decision over his opponent, which ended up being the biggest win of the day for the Orange and

Blue. The Dragons responded in the next round, giving them a slight 6-4 only until the Bison's top-ranked wrestlers were up. Both Kurt Phipps '24 and Darren Miller '23 pulled off back-to-back wins, giving the Bison a 10-6 lead.

The Dragon's top-ranked wrestlers had yet to compete, however, and were not ready to back down. Drexel won five straight rounds, giving them a 23-10 advantage with only one round remaining. Nolan Springer '25 closed out the

match with a final Bison victory, ending the scoring 23-13 in favor of Drexel.

"[We are] getting back into the practice room and addressing the positions we have viewed that need to be worked on individually," Crosby said.

The Bison will return to Davis Gym this coming weekend, where they will face LIU on, Jan. 28. The match is set for 11 a.m. Later that same day, the Orange and Blue will travel to Rider in a non-conference matchup at 7 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

### Men's and Women's Track and Field

- @ Penn State National Invite on 1/27-1/28
- @ Bison Open on 1/27-1/28

### Wrestling

- vs Long Island University on 1/28 11 a.m.
- @ Rider on 1/28 7 p.m.
- @ Army on 1/29 2 p.m.

### Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving

- vs Bison Invite on 1/28 12 p.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

- vs Towson on 1/28 1 p.m.

### Women's Water Polo

- @ UC Santa Barbara on 1/28 1:30 p.m.
- @ UC San Diego on 1/29 8 a.m.
- @ Wagner 1/29 on 12:30 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

- @ Loyola on 1/28 1 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

- vs Loyola on 1/28 2 p.m.

### Women's Tennis

- @ Boston University on 1/28 6 p.m.

## Bucknell Track and Field hosts Gulden Invitational, women earn top spot

**Brooke Tracey**  
Senior Writer

This past weekend, the Bucknell Track and Field team hosted the annual Gulden Invitational. The women's and men's teams both presented outstanding performances, finishing first and second, respectively.

On the women's side, Meghan Quinn '24 placed third with a 7.73 time in the 60 meter dash to earn an ECAC qualification. She also completed the 200 meter with a time of 25.00 to set a new personal record, set the second best time of the event and stand seventh best in Bison history.

Senior Bridget Lalonde ran the best time for Bucknell in the 400 meter dash with a time of 58.31 and finished second.

Abby Paczewski '24 also finished in first with the fastest time for Bucknell in heat two of the 800 meter (2:21.72).

Eva Linder '24 finished second in the 1000 meter (3:08.24), Lauren Joyce '26 finished sixth in the 3000 meter run and Meghan Smith '24 placed third in the 5000 meter (18:47.67).

Caryn Rippey '26 finished the mile with a time of 5:01.67, qualifying for the ECAC. Rippey also competed in the 4x400m Relay with teammates Meredith Haberfield '23, Hailey Tabar '24 and Paczewski, finishing first (9:44.11).

Ella Boback '26, Mikayla Horvath '23, Valerie Fischer '23 and Hanna Davis '23 competed as the A-team for Bucknell in the 4x400 and placed fifth (4:12.01).

Karen Hull '24 finished the day with two golds and an ECAC qualification. She finished the 60

meter hurdles with an 8.80 time, just 0.06 less than her personal best, and marked 5-06.50 in the high jump.

Teammates Jenny Scott '23 and Anna Kender '23 tied for first in the pole vault (11-06.25). Scott won in a jump-off.

"There were a lot of great performances this weekend on the men's and women's team, and I think that is really exciting to think about in terms of what the rest of the season holds," Scott said. "The invitational was just a glimpse of all the hard work this team has been dedicating so far for the indoor season, and I think a lot of people are just getting started. I can't wait to see how we progress as a team in the coming weeks."

Lila Gaughan '24 joins her fellow Bison in setting a school record, landing a long jump with a 17-06.25 mark.

Lexi Gray '23 completed the highest triple jump for Bucknell (36-07.75).

Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 placed first in the shot put event (45-01.50) to earn an ECAC qualification.

Madison McGloin '24 tossed a 49-05.75 distance in the weight throw.

The men performed well this past weekend too. Brandon Foust '25 finished fourth in the 60 meter dash (6.92) and finished second in the 200 meter event (22.46) to earn IC4A qualifications for both events.

Gardy Philogene '26 was the fastest Bison to complete the 400 meter dash (51.87).



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Colby Belczyk '25 finished first in the 800 meter event (1:55.39), earning a place in the IC4A as well.

In the 1000 meter run, Zachary Jelinek '26 placed second with a time of 2:33.86.

Max Lagunoff '25 finished the mile with the best Bucknell time at 4:23.08, Henry Didden '26 earned third place in the 3000 meter dash (8:47.34) and Grayson Crockett '25 finished the 5000 meter run in third place (15:15.57).

In the 60 meter hurdles, Brian Scotto '25 finished fourth with a 8.61 time.

Rayven Sample '24, Max Spaulding '24, Philogene and Foust made up the A team competing in the 4x400 meter relay. They finished second with a 3:26.78 time.

For the 4x800 meter race, Jelinek, Lagunoff, Alex Simpson '24 and Belczyk placed second as well (7:56.670).

Tristan An '25 won first place in the high jump (6-06.75).

Senior Franco Perinotti placed first in vault (16-00.75), earning him an IC4A qualification along with the fifth highest mark as a Bucknell record.

Matt Federovich '24 led Bucknell with a 21-06.75 in the long jump and Chris Sims '25 placed fifth in the triple jump (44-04.75).

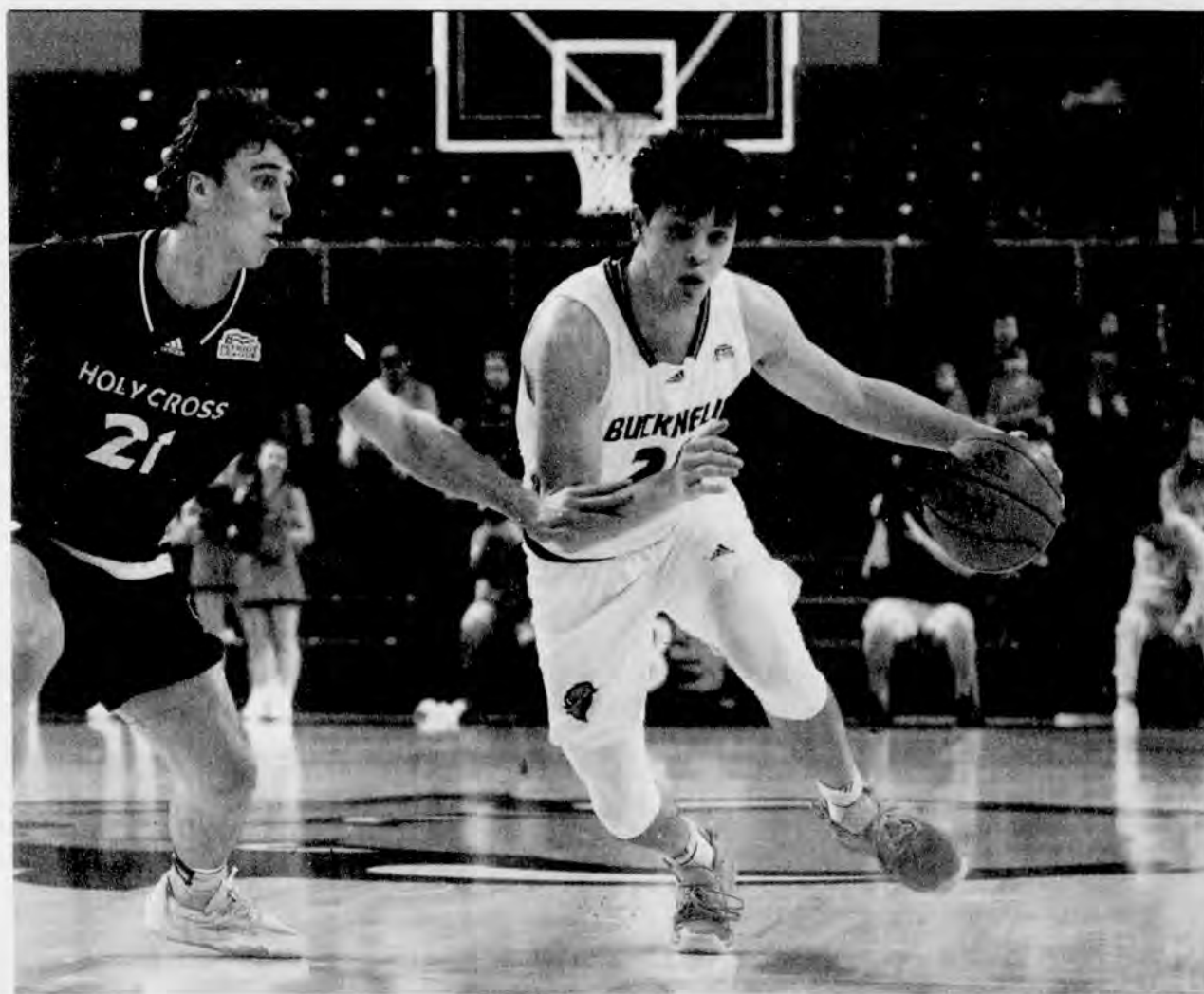
Anthony Zamarra '23 placed second in his event and qualified for the IC4A, throwing a distance of 52-05.25.

"Overall I think we competed well yesterday," Zamarra said. "[It is] unfortunate to place second at our own meet, but [there are] lots of upcoming meets to make up for it. Once everyone is healthy, we will challenge to win most meets."

Fellow throwers Robert Feeney '24 (58-10.00) and Jack Calisi '23 (57-10.25) also earned IC4A qualifications in the weight throw event. Calisi's performance records a personal best and ninth for the Bucknell program history.

The Bison looks forward to the PSU National Invite and the Bison Open on Jan. 27 and 28.





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## Men's Basketball falls at home to Holy Cross

**Hugh Straine**  
Staff Writer

Men's basketball couldn't defend home court on Saturday, falling in a close match 80-73 to the Crusaders.

Bucknell started off 7-4 on the season. The offense had taken a serious step forward, specifically in the three-point shooting category. Through their first five games of the season, the Bison shot north of 35 percent from the three-point line and was a reliable source of offense with several capable outside shooters off the catch or dribble.

However, this has yet to transfer to conference play. The Orange and Blue have shot 26 percent from outside the arc through their first eight games in Patriot League play.

Jack Forrest '24 has been a bright spot for Bison basketball with his play over the last few games. In an upset win at Army, Forrest led the charge with 25 points on 9/15 shooting and six rebounds. He followed that up with 14 points against Holy Cross on 6/13 shooting. The St. Joseph's transfer is starting to find a groove, shooting 38 percent from three-point range on four attempts a night for the season.

Bucknell's defensive efforts have been strong throughout conference play so far, keeping them in virtually every game. The Bison rank fifth in the Patriot League in adjusted defensive efficiency at 102.1 points allowed per 100 possessions.

Transition offense will need to be a huge part of keeping the Bison on track towards a Patriot League title, as multiple Bison guards are capable of pulling up from outside off the pass, in addition to the spectacular one-two punch of Andre Screen '24 and Alex Timmerman '23 in the post.

"For us to contend for a Patriot League title we need to execute the things that we practice on a daily basis more consistently," Forrest said. "We have been putting together 32 to 35 minute performances, but the other five to eight minutes is where we are losing games."

Men's basketball takes on a 10-10 Navy Midshipmen team at home on Wednesday.

## Men's Tennis faces Delaware



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**Lauren Medeiros**  
Staff Writer

Over the weekend, the Bucknell men's tennis team faced off against Delaware at the Central PA Tennis Center. Unfortunately for the Bison, they were unable to claim the win, falling short 6-1.

At No. 2 singles, Amar Tahirovic '26 claimed the only point for the Bison. Tahirovic won his sets 7-5 and 6-3 over Luis Molina of Delaware, in a rematch against the Blue Hen, as he competed against him back in October as well.

"Being in season with the team definitely brings a lot out of us," Tahirovic said. "As a team, we've been building how we perform on and off the court day in and day out. There were some nerves playing my first college home match but as the match progressed, I really felt supported by the team which

helped push me through and get my first spring season win ever. I was happy with how I battled every point and how the team pushed each other and myself through the down moments. Starting with a singles win on home court really gave me some extra motivation for what is to come!"

The other singles players battled hard, but were unable to secure the victory. At No. 1 singles, it was a fight between two all-conference players. However, Delaware's Hames Wilkinson held off Bucknell's Harrison Gold '24 in sets 6-4, 3-6, and 6-3.

Additionally, Bucknell's No. 5 and No. 6 singles players Oscar Moreno de Vega '26 and Brendan McDonald '26, both claimed a win for their opening set, but Delaware came back to clutch those matches.

Later in the match, Gold and McDonald posted a win at No. 1 doubles, with a score of 6-3 for Bucknell. While this win was important for the team, the Bison fell short in the other two doubles matches, 7-5 and 6-1. Due to the final doubles score being 2-1 favoring Delaware, the overall one point for doubles was added to Delaware's score.

"Even though we have had three tough matches to start the season, we really showed what we are capable off and on the court. I have a really good feeling of where our season could go and what we could achieve!"

Although the match did not fall in Bucknell's favor, stay tuned for Feb. 4 when the Bison take the court against Villanova in Hershey, Pa.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Karen Hull '24



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### Profile

#### Sport

Track and Field

#### Hometown

Randolph, N.J.

#### High School

Randolph

#### Position

Jumps/Hurdles

**Caleb Wooten**  
Senior Writer

Bucknell Women's Track & Field continued their strong start to the year, picking up the win in the Gulden Invitational in a dominant fashion. The Bison won by a margin of 81 points, topping second-placed Towson and six other teams.

This victory was largely due to the contributions of Karen Hull '24, who led the team in points scored. Hull blazed through the 60 meter hurdles in a first place finish in a time of 8.80 seconds, which also qualified her for the ECAC regional meet. In high jump, the New Jersey native also leaped to a mark of 5-06.50.

"I just wanted to compete and not overthink," Hull said. "I run and jump on the track everyday, so I just had to do that. I got to the track early so I didn't have to rush my warm up, and I felt like I was able to execute really well."

Hull has been a difference maker for the Bison since she arrived on campus and seems to be on track to reach even greater heights. Despite only being a junior, Hull has 15 event victories, five top-four finishes at Patriot League Championships and is on the top 10 list for five different events including four in the top-three. Hull's

impact is felt every time she steps onto the track and will be vital towards the squad's championship run.

Leading up to the Patriot League Championship in late February, Hull believes the team has the potential to do something special.

"We have a very good team and have to trust each other in order for us to succeed," Hull said. "I was really happy with how we competed because it showed that we are going to put our best foot forward every meet. We just have to have confidence in ourselves that we are capable of doing well every time we step on the track."

The Orange and Blue look to build off this momentum at the Bison Open and Multi and Penn State National Invite meets on Jan. 27 and 28.

### Career Stats

- ECAC qualification in 60m hurdles and high jump
- 16 event victories

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# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### *The rise of Mr. Irrelevant*

Kaylee Donnelly  
Staff Writer

Following the 2022 NFL draft, nobody expected the 262 pick to be on his way to the NFC Championship. More specifically, the last pick being on the field, as well as acting as the starting quarterback for his team. Brock Purdy, however, has beaten all odds.

The last man to be picked of the NFL is often dubbed "Mr. Irrelevant" - an unofficial nickname that dates back to 1976. Brock Purdy, this year's "Mr. Irrelevant," started off as the third-string quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers. Throughout the season, he found himself climbing the

ranks. Since Trey Lance and Jimmy Garoppolo suffered injuries, Purdy found himself as the starting quarterback.

His journey to the league wasn't common. Despite being an All-State quarterback from Arizona his junior year, Purdy did not receive a lot of attention from colleges. It wasn't until halfway through his senior season that he received any Division I offers. He ended up taking one from Iowa State.

Purdy's college career started similarly to his professional one, being placed originally in a third-string spot. But, as happened this year

with the 49ers, Purdy managed to snag the starting spot due to injuries. After that, he remained Iowa State's main quarterback, setting several school records throughout his four years at the university.

The 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan saw some potential in Purdy at the camp, taking him onto the team even as a last pick. It paid off, because Purdy has been able to help San Francisco maintain its run to the championship this season.

To clarify, Purdy hasn't stepped out as the best new quarterback in the NFL. But

as a third string quarterback, and the last pick in the NFL draft, he's done more than anyone ever expected to: compete and win.

Of the 49ers 12-game winning streak, Purdy has played in eight, starting in seven games. In his most recent win, Purdy helped his team knock out the Dallas Cowboys and send them to the NFC championship game.

His stats were fairly average throughout the game, putting up 214 passing yards with no touchdowns but also no turnovers. But for a last pick rookie, his poise in crucial

moments and ability to close out the game helped surprise the league and put his team into a great spot for the rest of their season.

Purdy and the 49ers have their next challenge ahead on Sunday, where they will play the Philadelphia Eagles for the NFC Championship. The Eagles remain a favorite in this matchup, and coach Shanahan said he does not see Garoppolo returning to health before the match. It seems the team will have to rely on Mr. Irrelevant again for this championship. Purdy has defeated the odds several times before, so perhaps he can do it again now.

## Women's Swimming and Diving defeats Lehigh at home



Brooke Tracey  
Senior Writer

As the Women's Swim and Dive team was settling back into life at Bucknell, they managed to capture a win at home against Lehigh. The Bison now holds a 6-2 record (5-2 PL record), a strong start to the season. They took first in nine events with runner-up finishes in seven other events.

The seniors on the team were recognized for their dedication to Bucknell women's Swim and Dive prior to the event, as it was senior night. They proceeded to take full advantage of their senior night meet as they contributed to five out of nine of Bucknell's first place finishes.

Alexandra Ritorto '23, Sabrina Vumbacco '23 and Sophia Donati '23, three seniors on the team, competed in the 200 medley relay with teammate Esme Hunter '24 to take first place.

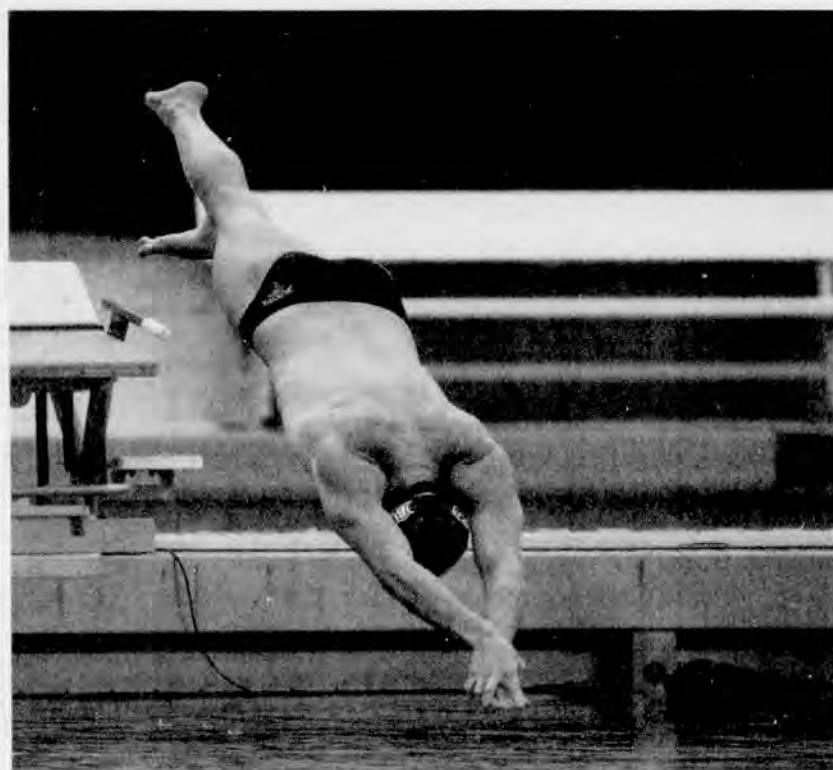
Vumbacco was a standout throughout the course of the meet, as she also took home first place titles in the 200 and 500 freestyle.

Hunter, a fellow member of the 200 medley relay team, also took first in the 100 backstroke. Kayla Lichtner '24 also took home two solo titles with first in both the 50 and 100 freestyle. Catherine Craig '23 was another champion, placing first in the 200 breaststroke.

To round out the first place finishers for the Bison, Emma Feld '26 finished first in the 1,000 Freestyle and Liz Dokina '25 also finished first in the 100 breaststroke.

Following the remarkable nine first-place finishes, the Bison also finished in the top three in the 200 medley relay, 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke, 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke, 50 freestyle and 1000 freestyle.

Bucknell will be home again for the Bison Invite on Jan. 28, their final preparation prior to the Patriot Championship hosted in mid-February.



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## Men's Swimming and Diving hosts rival Lehigh in honor of their seniors

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Staff Writer

This past weekend, Lehigh traveled to Kinney Natatorium to face Bucknell Men's Swimming and Diving for their seniors' last dual home meet. The men's team's put in a great effort, posting a commanding 194-73 victory over their rivals, which marks back-to-back winning seasons for the team for the first time since 2015.

The senior group holds a meet record of 18-13 throughout their four years with the Orange and Blue. The seven men have contributed a combined 107 points at two Patriot League championships to date.

Recognizably, senior Leo Kuyl received All-Patriot League honors in 2022 for his continual awarding contributions for the Bison and contributed three wins during the meet last weekend.

A total of eleven wins were seen across the men's

side against Lehigh, with Christian Stef '23 (200 freestyle), Chris Fabian '24 (100 backstroke), Will Hedges '25 (100 breaststroke) and Braden Beagle '26 (200 backstroke) all making substantial contributions to the broad point gap with their respective wins.

Justin Disanto '25, Fabian and John Gherig '25 also added to the tally with numerous second place finishes.

"As seniors, we were grateful to have the day to recognize the time and commitment we've put into this team and to be able to have a dominant win was the cherry on top," Kuyl said.

Keep your eyes out for the men next weekend in Kinney Natatorium for the Bucknell Invitational, which will be the teams final preparation before the Patriot League Championships.

## Women's Tennis takes on Big Ten opponent

Clara McCormick  
Sports Editor

Bison Women's Tennis fought hard against Big Ten Rutgers University this past Saturday in East Brunswick, N.J.

The final score of the match was 7-0 in favor of Scarlet Knights, but impressively, this was the first time the Bison had been swept the entire year, as they competed in three other matches during the fall semester.

No. 3 doubles, consisting of Kate Novak '24 and Mirra Manolov '26, gave their Rutgers opponents a scare, as

the junior-freshman duo fell 5-7 to the Knights.

Junior Tyne Miller '24 at No. 3 singles also had an impressive match, with the final score being 6-4, 6-4 in favor of her opponent.

"Rutgers was a great first match," Miller said. "They are a very strong and experienced team so it was really fun to start the season competing against them. It was super special seeing the team compete, as it was the freshmen's first dual match. Everyone has

been working so hard on and off the court. It's going to be a great season for everyone."

This weekend, the Orange and Blue take on their first Patriot League opponent of the season, Boston University. The last time Bison tennis took on the Terriers was the 2020-2021 season in the Patriot League semifinals, where Boston took the victory 4-0. This match will be a great opportunity for a rematch. The game will take place at Boston University this Saturday at 6 p.m.



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**Moira Weinstein**  
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again: January, the month of new beginnings. The month we have somehow chosen to be the start of a new journey, new morals, a new life.

We have shaped our society into a place in which this is the expectation. We try to sculpt ourselves into the perfect human beings, crediting January: a new year, a new you. If we don't, it's A-okay, nobody follows their resolutions anyway, right? But your aunt says you need to work on yourself, not gossip, work out, eat better, be kinder.

All because December ended. So don't make excuses, stick to your purple Moleskine journal with the words "New Year's Resolutions" neatly displayed, a portrayal of your ambition, your willingness to change. Just be better, they say. Be the best.

Your adrenaline is at an all-time high the first week of January, having a reason to play pretend, play dress-up, become someone you don't even recognize- that's the goal. You head to PlanetFitness.com for that new deal on memberships, knowing the new you will make it a routine to go every day (because that worked so well last time). But you've changed. You're this new, improved person. Excited for real life!

It takes about a week for that to end, two at most. Maybe you continue a couple times a week, passing out on the treadmill, reading your textbook like Elle Woods in "Legally Blonde."

Why didn't it work? Did the beginning of a random month not suddenly spike your athleticism, rid you of exhaustion, create a new person from the broken pieces of last year? You sigh, admitting defeat by February.

Why is it that we keep killing ourselves to birth a new person- someone you'll admire because of their molded body, their strength, their newfound intelligence? Who is that person? As we've learned, it's none of us. That person isn't real. They don't exist outside of our vivid dreams, our colorful expectations. They are cut in half by our train of thought.

Given, there is something to be said about looking back on what a year has done to us, what it has taken from our souls, what it left and created in the end.

Yet no gym membership, no salad, no period of quiet or draining Friday night will be the reason for that.

The things you least expect, the people you never knew you'd meet, the surprises. Those are the anecdotes that are sprinkled into wedding vows, spoken at events, written in your new book. We try to change ourselves over and over again, thinking we'll regret or even forget the year as a whole because of it, but are one-upped by the happiness or the tragedy that infiltrates the days and months.

Hopefully, the years will teach us to trust in fate and history and remember that if it's meant to be, it will be.

# An ominously faceless and nameless Supreme Court leaker



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Contributing Writer

It seems as if the American public has once again arrived at the intersection of Edward Snowden and Daniel Ellsberg. Yet this time, the figure with sticky fingers who leaked the Supreme Court abortion draft opinion last May remains ominously faceless and nameless.

Last Thursday, the Supreme Court failed to identify through interval investigation precisely who unleashed the opinion. Its drastic consequences are monumental to women and people across the country. *Roe v. Wade* (1973) was effectively overturned, meaning that the constitutional protection for abortion rights had gone up in smoke.

Immediately after Justice Alito's abortion draft opinion was leaked, Chief Justice John Roberts promptly ordered the investigation. According to the New York Times, the Court mobilized its plentiful resources over an exhaustive eight-month investigation.

What they have to show for it is a 20 page report and two page statement from Court Marshall Gail Curley, who oversaw the inquiry. It seems as if conducting 100-plus interviews and having 97 employees (including the justice's personal law clerks) swear under oath that they did not release the opinion was not enough. No whistle-blower has been named.

However, it is a question as to whether those who don the

robes themselves have been questioned about the leak. Despite the unprecedented nature of this leak, the investigation has not yet reached the very top.

However the inquiry was not a complete failure for those who wish to throw the leaker into the spotlight and likely the judicial guillotine. Shortcomings as to how sensitive documents were secured were uncovered. Furthermore, several employees had confirmed they told their spouses or partners about the draft opinion and the vote count, which is a violation of court confidentiality rules.

Changes that were made during the peak of the pandemic allowing people to work from home exposed further holes in the Court's information network, as sensitive documents could have been removed from the Court's I.T network. Last Thursday, NBC described the Court's investigative team and their inability "to identify a person responsible by a preponderance of the evidence."

To boil down legal jargon, "preponderance of the evidence" means that there must be greater than a 50 percent chance that a claim is true to find a party guilty. When it comes to weighing these scales, it could be 50 percent and a mere feather.

This might be why the court also claimed the investigation

has not come to an end; they are waiting for that final feather to float down, as they turn to analyze electronic data regarding the incident. Yet this leaker was incredibly careful, as no forensic evidence was found on computer devices, networks, printers, and available text message logs, according to Marshall Curley's report.

This anonymous figure clearly has enough knowledge of forensic evidence recovery methods to evade being caught, and access to sensitive documents. Furthermore, their choice to leak the opinion could suggest that their interests were against those of Justice Alito and a strong desire for the public to know what was coming.

What the leak gave the American people was time: in order to mobilize, protect resources, assemble protests and more or less get themselves in order. Losing the Constitutional right to abortion means that thousands of lives were going to be eternally affected. People with wombs in certain states would be forced to carry children to term and give birth.

Carrying such a risk as being the first person in history to leak a Supreme Court Draft Opinion means that the leaker has a significant interest that motivated them to act. Yet they still remain faceless and nameless to the American public.

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## Love is love, not a sin

Morgan Levy  
Staff Writer

On Monday Nov. 14, the Bucknell Campus Christian Ministry (CCM) released their bulletin in which a homophobic response was given to an anonymous student's question: "I think I have feelings for another man. If I never act on them, will I go to hell?"

Instead of offering a message of comfort and acceptance, the CCM did the complete opposite. The ministry relented that it is the "actions behind the feelings that often lead us to sin." In other words, they equate same sex attraction to a tendency to sin. They went further by saying that such feelings can be repented through the sacrament of confession because the Mercy of God can wipe away any sin, "even grave sins such as homosexual acts."

Such a message of hate creates a state of non-inclusivity at our university. Despite Bucknell's DE&I statement promising "to foster an environment in which our students engage with, understand and appreciate perspectives, people and cultures that may be very different from their own," the administration's lack of accountability invalidates such a claim.

There is no "commitment to diversity and inclusiveness at all levels of the institution" when a religious organization is projecting that being a part of the LGBT+ community is a "misplaced sexual desire" that we must rise above to live a "pure life."

One may argue that such a message by the CCM is their entitled religious belief, but such belief is not an excuse to discriminate against the LGBT+ community and to create an environment at Bucknell University where students do not feel comfortable to express their sexual identity freely.

So I would like to do a better job at answering the anonymous question on the bulletin. First of all, I am sorry. I am so sorry that you were met with a response of discrimination rather than the love and acceptance you deserve. Homosexuality is not a sin. It is love.

As a woman of faith and a part of the LGBT+ community, the following verse resonates with me: "The lord appeared to us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an everlasting

love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.'" Jeremiah 31:3. I know that God loves me for the human I am and who I love.

Your sexuality is a beautiful thing and not something that needs to be repented immediately.

The CCM describes homosexuality as a battle of sin and temptation, but the real battle at hand here is lack of acceptance of sexual identity and thus, discrimination towards LGBT+ individuals. Research completed by The Trevor Project, an LGBT+ advocacy group, found that 73 percent of LGBTQ youth report that they had experienced discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity at least once in their lives "and those who did attempted suicide at more than twice the rate of those who did not in the past year." Homophobia is a blatant threat to mental wellbeing amongst LGBT+ individuals.

There is nothing wrong with you or who you love. What is wrong is the lack of acceptance the LGBT+ community is met with, time after time. Love is not a sin because love is love.

## What happens when violence backfires?



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In the film industry, it has become common practice to depict episodes of violence to increase viewership and revenue. In fact, according to the American Academy of Family Physicians (2004), 91 percent of the films shown on television depict violence in some manner, many using prop weapons to make scenes more life-like.

However, a common misconception is that all of the weapons filmmakers use as props are fake. As New York Times writer Brooks Barnes (2021) highlights, Hollywood filmmakers often use real firearms on movie sets to increase authenticity, but the industry's strict guidelines for firearm usage are meant to protect other set workers from any potential misfires.

This, unfortunately, is little consolation to the family of Cinematographer Halyna Hutchins who was shot and killed on the set of "Rust" in late October 2021 by actor Alec Baldwin. Regardless of their intent, Baldwin as well as the film's armorer, Hannah Gutierrez-Reed, are both being charged with involuntary manslaughter over the death of Hutchins.

Here is what we know for certain: on the day of the shooting, assistant director David Halls allegedly handed Baldwin the gun, which the actor claims he thought was safe to use. On that note, we know that Baldwin and Reed are the only two people being charged, though those charges will not be officially filed until the end of the month.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we know that had either Baldwin, Reed or Halls done their jobs properly that day, maybe Hutchins would still be alive, and "Rust" would already have made the big screen.

With all of this, several key questions about our society come to mind.

First, why are we using real firearms in fictional movies? Of course, the Second Amendment protects a filmmaker's right to do this, and the industry has a set of strict standards for firearm usage, but when a fatal incident like this occurs, we must begin to reassess the risks involved.

We must ask ourselves if it is really worth it to risk lives in the name of authenticity.

The most important question we should be asking ourselves here is what are we perpetuating? What are we teaching people with the use of violence, often taken to the extremes, in nearly every type of fictional media with which we all interact almost daily?

A 2005 study conducted by Brad J. Buchman, Ph.D. and L. Rowell Huesmann, Ph.D. showed that watching scenes of violence has negative short-term effects on adults as well as negative long-term effects on youth. This is because most adults have certain beliefs and morals already encoded into their brains but children are still learning.

Children are thus more likely to exhibit aggressive behaviors in the long term due to the repeated consumption of violent media throughout their brains' most vital developmental periods.

The coverage of violence across all genres and types of media might have more negative effects on our society than we are all willing to accept, meaning the casualties of our obsession with violence will only continue to pile up.

## LIV Golf weighs money against morals



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The key feature of golf is the integrity of the game. But that integrity as we know it is threatened.

An alternate golf tour, LIV Golf, has taken over conversation since its first event in June of 2022. Critics of LIV call on viewers and members to question whether its funding can be ethically justified. They also urge the public to consider the impact that an alternate series to PGA Tour will have on the game overall.

Last Thursday, CW Network announced that it would be working with LIV Golf to air their tournaments. This comes as a surprise since LIV Golf was unable to find any television outlets that would work with them in 2022 and could only air their events through streaming services.

NYTimes describes their struggle to break into the sports industry. Major networks like ESPN, CBS and NBC decided against working with the league due to its direct competition to the PGA Tour that has been working with these brands for decades.

According to ESPN, this also comes as a surprise to those who have consumed The CW in the past since it will be the first time they air "live mainstream sports."

While many top golfers stayed with the Tour, some have agreed to hundreds of millions of dollars and a membership with the new league. Phil Mickelson, Patrick Reed and Sergio Garcia are among those who have signed on to play in LIV events.

Surely, there has to be repercussions from the PGA, right? They announced at the time of the first LIV tournament that any players involved would be suspended from the Tour and more recently, they have decided to not renew memberships into 2023 for players that have moved over to LIV.

I can't be the only one who is thinking about the implications of the growth of LIV on

the way we consume and enjoy golf. Part of what has made golf so enjoyable is getting to see all of the top players together and on the same course.

Seeing the best golfers interact with each other on and off the course was just as much entertainment as the golfing itself. Will we ever get to see Mickelson and Woods competing again?

LIV is an alternate league and might open up more opportunities for other competitive golf tours to rise, splitting up even more players into events. While this might create more room for rising golfers to compete in professional events, this might also jeopardize viewership for certain events depending on where top players end up.

This discussion extends far beyond sports. The Times' Ben Hubbard stands in opposition to LIV Golf with his belief that "Saudi Arabia's backing of the new series is the latest example of the way oil-rich Gulf monarchies use their vast wealth to invest in sports and cultural institutions in hopes of raising their countries' international profiles and shifting how they are viewed by people in Western countries."

Yes, the emergence of LIV has created conversations surrounding the pay that top golfers can expect compared to other sports. But this should not distract from the reason that LIV has been created in the first place. If there is truth behind Hubbards' argument, then it is imperative that LIV not distract us from the political and socioeconomic climate of its funding sources.

Money blinds us just as it may have to some of the world's best golfers, but the golf community should be critical and wary of LIV's intentions going forward, especially as it reaches a wider audience as a result of partnership with The CW.



# CAKE WARS

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# 22 things that happened in



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- 1. Pete Davidson,** Starting off the semester in January students packed into Sojka Pavilion for the moderated Q&A with Pete Davidson. At the time Pete was still a cast member of SNL and rumors had just started circulating about his relationship with Kim Kardashian. It is more than likely that he was texting a Kardashian from the Bucknell wife. The Lectureship committee is who students can thank for Pete's Bucknell appearance.
- 2. Starting Downtown Party Ban,** With work hard play hard as a common motto for students at Bucknell, many weekly routines were disrupted by the Lewisburg social gathering ban. The town announced the regulation on January 10th and it was lifted about a month later on Feb. 7. While students understand and must respect the precautions that had to be taken to keep the Lewisburg community safe, it was most definitely a hot topic of news for students during the first semester of 2022.
- 3. Smoothie Station at Bostwick,** Undergoing many renovations throughout 2022 the addition of the smoothie station has been popular among first year students and others that keep up with the swipe meal plans. Being able to customize the type of fruit, yogurt, juice or milk for a smoothie alone is worth the swipe.
- 4. BSU Annual Black Arts Festival,** The Black Student Union presented their annual Black Arts Festival. The fashion show took place on Friday Feb. 18 followed by the Stomp Out Classic on Saturday Feb. 19. Their theme for the year was "Back to Black" and their focus was to show and get back to where everything started.
- 5. Bucknell's got talent,** The one time Bucknell Students were able to watch Brent Papson perform stand up comedy was in Feb. at Bucknell's got talent. Taking place in the Harvey Powers Theatre the show featured talents of various students.
- 6. Bison Sound,** The Bison Sound Music Festival took place in April. With food trucks, inflatables, a beer garden and more students came to be entertained by various student performers.
- 7. Bizpitch,** After being a virtual livestream in 2021 the Bucknell Bizpitch competition was switched back in person in April of 2022. With \$7,000 worth of prizes each of the five finalists were able to take home an award. Bringing in many students to the Terrace room to watch the competition resembled a Shark Tank episode on Bucknell's campus. Olivia DeNicola '22 won first place for her business idea Crunch.
- 8. Jack Harlow,** For their spring performance the Concert Committee brought Jack Harlow to campus in late April. After gaining fame on Tik Tok in 2020 and his song "First Class" blowing up just two weeks before his Bucknell performance students were more than excited. The Fieldhouse was filled that Friday night.
- 9. Bingo Blingo,** A campus wide event that is popular and competitive amongst Bucknell students is the CAP center's infamous Bingo Blingo. The 2022 occurrences of Bingo Blingo took place in both January and August and had prizes ranging from TVs and iPads to Bucknell gear and Keurigs.
- 10. Commencement on the Quad,** Commencement for the class of 2021 did not look like most years. Adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic the ceremony was moved to the Christy Mathewson Memorial Stadium and was split into three separate groups of students. This past May commencement for the class of 2022 returned to its typical location on the quad and honored all students at the same time.
- 11. Freez Closing,** Although not located on Bucknell's campus, students and staff mourned the loss of a beloved local ice cream spot. With lines across the parking lot on the days leading up to its closing customers were willing to wait for their last Freez purchase.
- 12. In Person Sorority Recruitment,** Covid affecting many organizations and practices on campus. For Greek Life recruitment that takes place in September each year was back in person for sororities after completely virtual rounds in 2021. Academic West and Coleman classrooms were filled with the hundreds of students preparing for and participating in the sorority recruitment process.
- 13. Return of the Flyson,** Another campus favorite that took a hiatus during the pandemic was Flyson. The food truck centered around selling late night snacks flew again for the first time this past September. The late night hours of the Truck on Fridays and Saturdays produced long lines of students through the duration of the fall semester.
- 14. Swae Lee,** In August for Bucknell Refresh the CAP center brought Swae Lee to campus. With twelve food trucks on the Sojka Lawn and other activities of students the CAP center exceeded expectations per usual for the events they advertise and put on.
- 15. Condoleezza Rice,** The 2022-23 Bucknell Forum had two speakers during the fall semester. With "The State of American Democracy" students came to hear Dr. Condoleezza Rice speak via zoom. President John Bravman moderated the conversation in the Weis Center for Performing Arts. Dr. Rice spoke on the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the tensions that were arising.
- 16. Fall Fest,** One of the only times a ferris wheel can be spotted on Bucknell's campus is during the CAP center's Fall Fest on the Sojka Lawn. Also featuring games, food, other carnival rides, student performers and more the event attracts students from every year.
- 17. Soccer Patriot League Championship,** For the second year in a row the Women's Soccer team brought back to campus the title of Patriot League champions. On Nov. 6 the team beat Army West Point in penalty kicks during the final game.
- 18. Trevina,** A new popular spot for students - mainly those over the age of 21 - is the downtown restaurant Trevina. Featuring a beer wall and self serve wine the restaurant is well decorated and now a popular Lewisburg spot.



**19. Bravman Contract Extension,** President John Bravman has served in his position at Bucknell for the past twelve years. In October his contract was renewed, extending it for another three years. The contract is now set until 2028.

**20. Take Back the Night,** Organized by SpeakUP on campus they hosted their annual Take Back the Night in October during "No More Month" the organization had many events on campus to show support and raise awareness for domestic violence.

**21. Jake Tapper,** On Nov. 30 the CNN anchor and chief Washington correspondent Jake Tapper spoke live on campus for Bucknell Students as a part of the Bucknell Forum. The discussion was moderated by President John Bravman and took place in the Weis Center for the Performing Arts. The 2022 midterm election, conspiracy theories and Donald Trump were all topics touched on in Tapper's talk.

**22. Mods Being Knocked Down,** Originally installed as temporary housing, the Bucknell West Mods lasted for more than 50 years. During the fall semester it was announced that they would be knocked down and new construction of apartment buildings would begin over winter break. With half of the mods now gone, many students - most likely those who did not deal with mold - mourned over the beloved form of on campus housing.





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## Dean Badal announces updated mental health programs

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Dean Amy Badal announced in an email on Jan. 17 that new resources were in place to aid in student well-being, including expanded mental health support, personal wellness coaching and off-campus therapy providers alongside the help that the Counseling & Student Development Center (CSDC) currently provides.

Bucknell has officially partnered with UWill, a website specifically made for student mental health, to provide the new services. According to the website, UWill offers "immediacy and choice with no obstacles to tap into our community of licensed therapists. Uwill offers an immediate

appointment with a licensed therapist based on student needs and preferences, a direct crisis connection, wellness events, and more."

This service is mainly advised for students who do not have a CSDC counselor.

Another recent partner of the University is WellTrack Connect, which is a database that aids in off-campus therapy providers. It is another student-based website that can put students in touch with therapists according to their preferences. According to the website, they have powerful filters based on criteria such as "location, availability, accepted insurance, price, specialty, gender, language."

While Dean Badal mentioned the new updates to the

mental health program, she also restated the current resources Bucknell offers, such as confidential 1:1 therapy at no cost to the student. If needed, they can sign up by calling the number (570) 577-1604.

Another vital resource is phone appointments, which are available Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m. They can be accessed by calling (570) 577-1604. They are first-come, first-served basis, but scheduling an appointment is available as early as 8:30 a.m.

If students are in an emergency or crisis, they may contact the CSDC directly from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or call (570) 577-1604. If there is a crisis after hours, they can call that same number and press

"2" for immediate counseling at all hours.

Dean Badal further reinforced this sentiment in an email sent soon after, on Jan. 28.

"We recognize that many of you are hurting, and we care about how you are feeling. Please make an extra effort to check in on your friends and support each other," Badal wrote.

After this, she reiterated the importance of the CSDC for private therapy sessions, along with an assurance that, "the University chaplains for the Catholic, Jewish, Muslim and Protestant communities are available to provide pastoral care." They can be contacted by dialing (570) 577-1592 or by visiting room 109 in Rooke Chapel.

## Sam Douds begins term as BSG President



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Although the phrase, "believing that progress is possible takes courage" may sound like a cliché to some, Bucknell University's new Student Government President Sam Douds said it serves as his driving force.

From being a Presidential Fellow for the Geography department, to being the co-founder of the Bison Triathlon club, a brother with the Chi Phi Fraternity and managing his workload as a History major, Douds couldn't shy away from the opportunity to serve as the voice of the Bucknell student body.

"I ran because I want to make a difference and I want to provide concrete solutions to the problems Bucknellians face," Douds said.

Douds said he recognizes that the only way to handle the immense influence the

administration has on campus, which causes stress and problems for students on occasion, would only happen if one is willing to step outside their comfort zone and really try to make a difference.

Sam served in many leadership positions in high school from religious initiatives to academic endeavors, and has student government experience from being a senator during his first-year as well as last semester. His advocacy has prompted for more convenient changes to the layouts of KLARC, the dining hall and the basement of Roberts Hall.

However, while Douds enjoyed the satisfaction of solving the little problems, his passion was to confront the bigger problems that occur on this campus, and he knew that would require a little

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## Tony-Nominated Broadway set designer to host talk at Bucknell

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Bucknell's Theatre and Dance Department welcomes Ed Pierce, Tony Award Nominated Broadway Designer, to speak on his experience in the field. The talk will take place on, Feb. 3 in the Traditional Reading Room on the second floor of Bertrand Library from 12:30-2 p.m. Attendees will get a chance to learn about having a career in the theatre industry, and lunch will be provided.

"I look forward to sharing the joy I have in my work,

including my pathway to a career in design and theatre-making," Pierce said. "Having attended a liberal arts university myself, I hope that my conversation with the Bucknell students will highlight the benefits of a multidisciplinary education and how the opportunities available in the entertainment industry are wide ranging. Our discussion will welcome student questions so that we can focus our conversation on the topics that most interest those in attendance."

Pierce has been working in theatre for more than 20 years. His scenic designs have included the Broadway shows such as "Wicked," "Amazing Grace," "9 to 5," the world tour of "Phantom of the Opera" and "Love Never Dies."

He has also served as a lighting designer for several productions on Broadway and television. Pierce represents designers as the President of the United Scenic Artists, Local 829, IATSE and supports the industry as a member

of the Advisory Board of the American Theatre Wing and the Tony Award Administration Committee.

"I appreciate that he's coming to speak," Evelyn Pierce '25 said, "especially because he's the reason I was introduced to theatre and am now pursuing it as a major. I think it's a great opportunity for students to get some of the experience that I was able to get as his daughter."

"It is an incredibly special and rare opportunity to be able to meet and get your

questions answered by someone whose art has brought joy to, and been seen by millions of people," Alice Jackins '25, said. "As a student interested in pursuing theatrical design, the chance to meet and ask questions to a professional like Pierce makes me feel really encouraged and supported by the Theatre Department. It's also really inspiring to see a successful artist and designer reach out to encourage the upcoming generation of professionals."



# breaking the bubble

Madison Kurtz  
Staff Writer

## DOMESTIC

The Justice Department's investigation of Tyre Nichols's death has reignited calls for police reform legislation to be passed in Washington. The White House has pushed once again for Congress to pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act which would ban chokeholds, limit no-knock warrants and qualify immunity policies. This past week, the Congressional Black Caucus has both called for a meeting with President Joe Biden to push for negotiations on police reforms and has urged Congress members to work together to "address the public health epidemic of police violence that disproportionately affects many of our communities."

Tom Brady shared in a video last Tuesday that he will be retiring from the NFL. He had previously retired from the association last year for just 40 days before making the decision to play one more season in Tampa. Many have commented on the announcement including notable athletes and Hollywood stars. His ex-wife Gisele Bündchen also commented, tweeting, "Wishing you only wonderful things in this new chapter of your life."

## INTERNATIONAL

Last Monday a suicide bomber targeted a mosque in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing at least 100 people and injuring 217. The attack signals a worsening security crisis that the country has been grappling with for the past few years concerning militant groups. It is unclear whether the Pakistani Taliban known as Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP) is responsible for this specific attack. Last year the ceasefire between Pakistan's government and TTP eroded, which both heightened violence and catalyzed a possible increase of border tension between the Afghan and Pakistani governments. An investigation is currently underway to determine who is responsible for Monday's attack. There is a concern of added violence that could stem from the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan's statement that the attack could have been avoided if the "state heeded earlier warnings from civil society about extremist outfits in the province... We demand that the state take action now."

Rep. George Santos spoke with Republican lawmakers last Tuesday on his decision to step down from his assignment to the House Small Business Committee and the Science, Space and Technology Committee. His decision comes after controversy over his fabricated resumé and other elements of his background. The Ethics Committee is currently handling a claim against Santos for "failure to file timely, accurate and complete financial disclosure reports." Calls for him to resign come from multiple political levels, and this includes voters. According to a Newsday-Siena College poll, 78 percent of voters in Santos's own district think he should resign, and 71% think that House Speaker Kevin McCarthy was wrong to appoint Santos.

## Douds Presidency

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more status. Issues involving accessibility, food insecurity, affordability of Bucknell, DEI initiatives and safety on and around campus remain just a handful of top priorities our new president has.

Douds' specific goals range anywhere from putting more lights up around the quad to putting bug screens in dorms to increase ventilation. Beyond that, on an institutionalized level, Douds is continuing to advocate for a student liaison to the Board of Trustees, claiming "we need to be in the room where it happens."

Additionally, he would love to make meal plans more affordable and customizable and bring awareness to food insecurity however possible. Douds said he yearns for a new newsletter to effectively allay the progress and goals of BSG to the student body in a much easier medium. And where he sees the most level of unfairness is the indisputable fact that tuition continues to rise where merit scholarships stay the same.

"If we are about what we say we're about, let's act like it," Douds said. "If we are about making it a fair experience for the student body, then let's make it fair."

While only a couple weeks into his term, Douds is still mapping out his schedule and getting acclimated to his office, but nevertheless, makes every effort to form relationships with the administration and executive board in order to address the systemic and institutional situations of Bucknell University, and more importantly, find solutions. He made no hesitation to acknowledge his hard-working and loyal vice presidents, Lena DiFazio and Isa Segura-Suarez, who have helped him make this transition smooth and steady.

"Having people like Isa and Lena who are absolutely getting after it and doing great work is the best," Douds said. "Communicating with them has been a dream."

Douds understands that reaching out to BSG can be intimidating. However, he hopes students will voice their questions, comments and concerns by coming to the Congress sessions on Sundays or reaching out to their class's personal BSG representatives.

While Douds said he is steadfast in improving the decorum and dilemmas of this campus, he also understands the honor and responsibility that comes with acting presidential and setting a standard for student achievement across Bucknell.

Douds participated in a few webinars and talks during Martin Luther King Jr. week, where he stressed the importance of King's legacy as it relates to today's world of uncertainty. Douds believes the way Bucknell can emulate King is to stand up against injustice, acknowledge internal and external privilege, participate in immersive activities and, of course, run for office.

"There are so many things MLK stood for that I believe in," Douds said. "He really proved, with courage, that progress is possible, and to make that happen is remarkable."

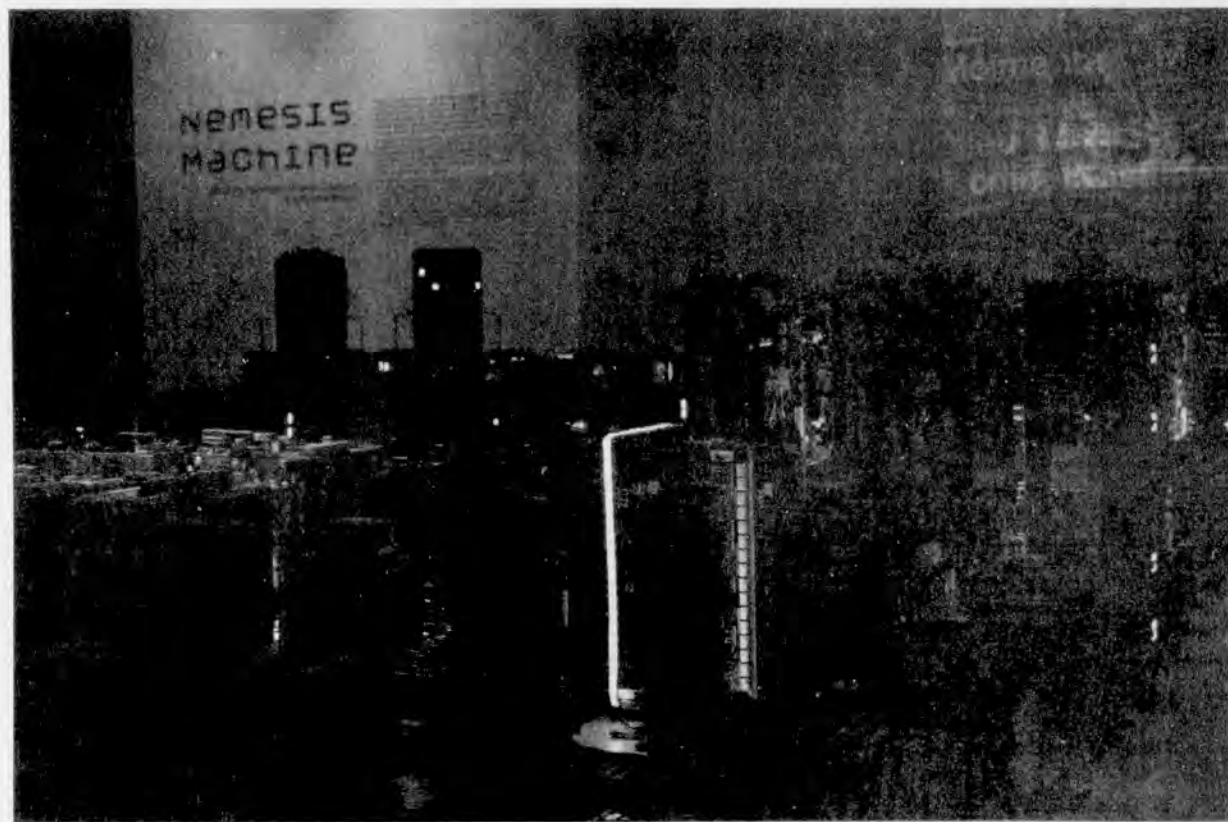
The new president said he recognizes he did not get to his position on his own. He appreciates the support of his faith, family and friends all around campus.

"There are so many people who want to do the right thing on this campus, who want to see this campus be a better place. That's what's so exciting about Bucknell, we may have many problems, but we have more people willing to find solutions," Douds said.

He said he looks forward to working hard for all the people of Bucknell and making hard decisions with the force of persistence and inclusion and the legacies of leaders such as King behind him and guiding him towards progress.

"You are not always going to make everyone happy, but all you can do is do your best to do the right thing," he said.

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## Bucknell Winter Showcase presents 'The One Act Play That Goes Wrong'



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The Bucknell Winter Showcase will be showing "The One Act Play That Goes Wrong", directed by Reid Fournier '24, in Harvey Powers Theatre Feb. 3 and Feb. 4. The doors will open at 7:00 p.m., with the show itself starting at 7:30 p.m..

The description of the play refers to itself as "a comedic combination of Sherlock Holmes and Monty Python in a 1920s whodunit that has everything you never wanted in a show."

The production will center around a comedic play-within-a-play plot where everything appears to go wrong at a time when everything should go

right. Between doors being stuck and actors getting knocked out, nothing appears to go according to plan for the hapless crew.

The play was originally written in 2012 by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, and Henry Shields. It officially had five tours in the UK, and has been running in London since its release. In 2015, it won Best New Comedy at the annual Laurence Olivier Awards. The play starred on Broadway in 2017, and was directed by J.J. Abrams. Now, this award-winning play will be arriving on Bucknell's campus.

If students are interested in purchasing tickets for the play, they are being sold on the University box office website for \$7. This event will be open for both the students and the general public alike.

Bucknell's Winter Showcase will continue following this event, with the next production scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 18. The interactive performance "Can We Talk About It?" The play will, as stated by the events page, "specifically explore difficult dialogues and issues of social justice at Bucknell, in Central Pennsylvania, and/or in the United States."

## 10 years ago in The Bucknellian: Bravman reveals test score omissions

**Siobhan Murray**  
Staff Writer

President Bravman released a statement that disclosed past instances of false reporting of SAT and ACT averages from 2006 to 2012.

According to the report, the University had been omitting an average of 32 students' SAT scores each year during the seven year range. SAT averages were inflated by 7 to 16 points on a 1600-point scale, while the reported ACT scores were one point lower than the correct figures.

Bravman recognized that although the inaccuracies were small in scale, the larger issue was a violation of "the trust of every student, faculty member, staff member and Bucknellian they reached."

New Vice President for Enrollment Management Bill Conley realized in early September 2012 that the profile of the University's next admissions class was inexplicably lower than in previous

years. After analyzing reports of the last several years and verifying the misreported data, he concluded in early November 2012 that scores had been omitted. Over a period of two months, Bravman reported the error to the Board of Trustees, the University community and phoned U.S. News & World Report.

"It was Bucknell's first direct communication with U.S. News on this matter," Conley said.

Bravman said that he believed a single person had been responsible for the false data.

"Enrollment management leadership no longer with the university prepared these inaccurate numbers," Bravman said in his statement to the Board of Trustees.

Bravman said he spoke to the former enrollment management leadership in a discussion he described as "unsatisfactory," demonstrating "ignorance at best" or "incompetence at its worst" in

recognizing the importance of reporting accurate data.

Former Vice President of Enrollment Management Kurt Thiede retired in 2011 after taking the position in 2002. Brian Mitchell, University president from 2004-2010, did not respond to a phone call regarding his role in the admissions process.

The role of Vice President of Enrollment Leadership, which supersedes the role of head of admissions, was created "to build the University's national and international reputation and recognition, to increase diversity and to increase yield and selectivity while enrolling a talented group of students who are intellectually and socially engaged," as stated on the University website.

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## Laura Villareal presents the Drew Darrow Memorial Poetry Reading

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Former Stadler Center for Poetry & Literary Arts Fellow Laura Villareal will present the Drew Darrow Memorial Poetry Reading on Feb. 7, at 7:00 p.m. in Bucknell Hall.

The Drew Darrow Memorial Reading will honor the memory of alumnus Drew Darrow '86, who passed away in 1997. The reading occurs annually and is regularly sponsored by the Peer Writing Center, where Darrow worked as a student employee, and the Stadler Center for Poetry & Literary Arts.

The Peer Writing Center offers individual support for students with their writing, including books, essays and creative works like poetry. The Stadler Center for Poetry & Literary Arts is an organization which seeks to inspire an appreciation for the beauty and diversity of contemporary poetry. The Stadler Center is also holding other events this semester, such as an Open Mic for undergraduate students on the Feb. 16, and a Zoom event called "Writers in Conversation: Queering the Christian Divine" on the Feb. 21.

Villareal is the author of the debut collection "Girl's Guide to Leaving" (2022) and the chapbook "The Cartography of Sleep" (2018). She was a Stadler Fellow at Bucknell from 2020-2021. She has also received fellowships and scholarships from groups such as The Highlights Foundation, Key West Literary Seminar, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, VONA and the National Book Critics Circle.

She currently works at F(r)iction, an anthology website, on a series called "Writers Talking about Anything But Writing." According to F(r)iction itself, it is "a series of interviews in which we ask writers to take a break from trying to document the world and just kinda chill out in it for a while."

This event is free for students and the public alike. Previous attendees at the Drew Darrow Memorial Readings included author of "Loud Dreaming in a Quiet Room" Betsy Wheeler, alumna Tyler Mills '05 and Visiting Assistant Professor of English Bix Gabriel.



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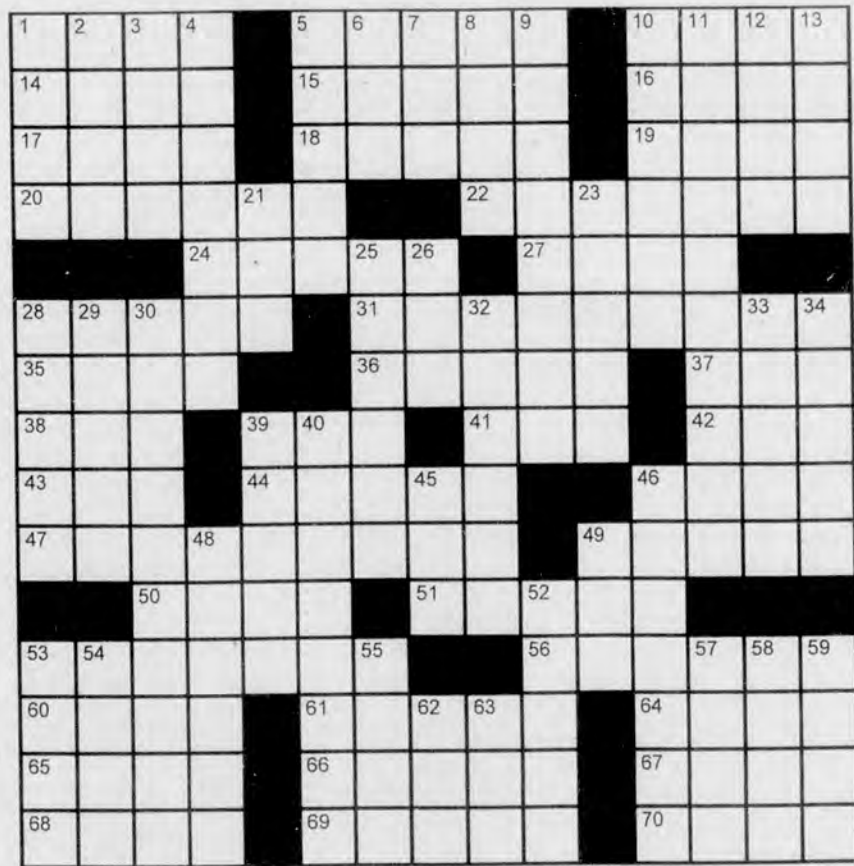
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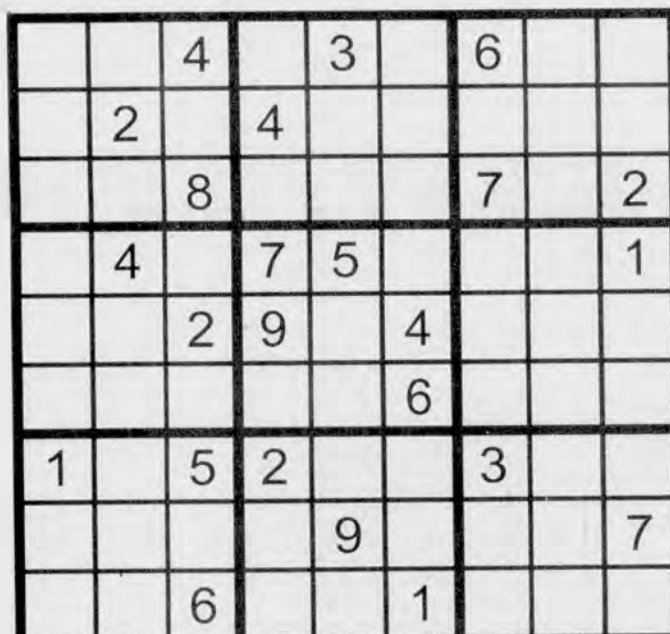
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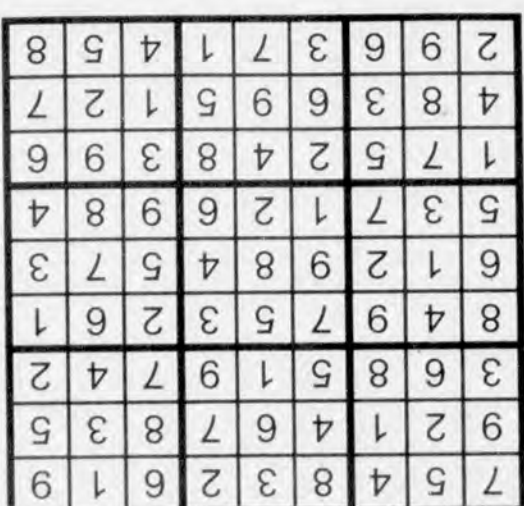
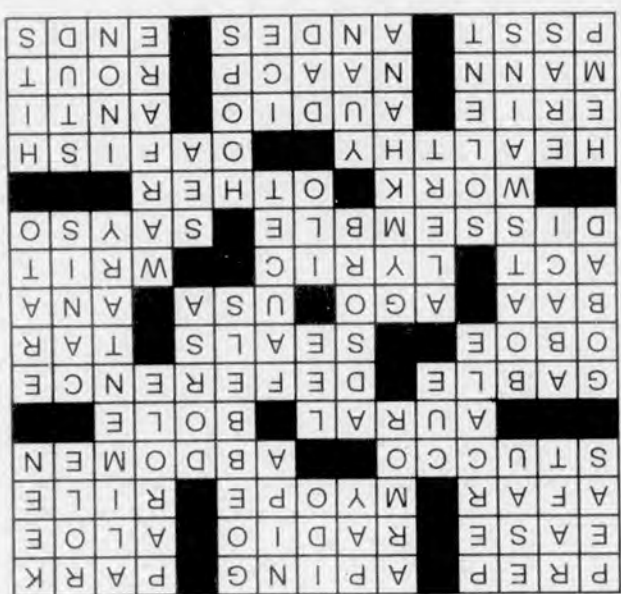
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# You've heard of Sunday Scaries. What about the other days?

Hayley Leopold  
Satire Co-Editor

Now that we're a few weeks into the semester, students are falling into a rhythm. Their sacred Google Calendars are set into stone, and their daily routines have formed. These routines are centered around campus-wide phenomena that occur each day. Here's what happens at Bucknell throughout the week that you might not have noticed:

## Sunday Scaries

Here at Bucknell, students live by the "work hard, play hard" mantra. Bucknellians are notorious for refusing to do homework on Fridays or Saturdays, leading them to the ultimate doom: The Sunday Scaries. Once students realize they have to wake up for their 8 a.m. class in less than 24 hours, they sprint to Bertrand and hastily complete their work.

## Monday Munchies

Each Monday, students blaze it up in their rooms until they forget that it's only the first day of the school week. Only after the weed stash depletes do the Monday Munchies creep in. Students are hit with a wave of hunger, so they utilize the common room kitchens to make ramen and Kraft Mac and Cheese.

## TikTok Tuesdays

By the time Tuesday rolls around, Bucknell's hardworking scholars are burnt out. To combat this, the University now requires that all classes be conducted via TikTok each Tuesday. Professors have been particularly fond of this scheduling adaptation. Rather than teaching in-person classes, they are only responsible for posting one TikTok video for every credit hour to summarize that day's lessons.

## W Wednesdays

Although all of Bucknell's sports teams have stellar

records, they sometimes experience painful losing streaks. That's why Bucknell instituted W Wednesdays; all sporting events that occur on Wednesdays are rigged so that Bucknell wins. You may be wondering, how have our Division I coaches pulled off such a swindle? The answer is simple: the coaches bribe the referees and umpires with Flo Rida + Yung Gravy tickets.

## Thrifty Thursdays

Since students drained their bank accounts to pay Bucknell's tuition, they are always looking for ways to save an extra buck. Thus, Thrifty Thursdays were born to aid us broke college students writhing under the grips of capitalism. The shops in downtown Lewisburg offer a 90 percent discount on goods and services each Thursday to those who present their Bucknell IDs at the register.

## Flyson Fridays

Students can only bear the same caf food for so many consecutive days. Good thing we have Flyson Fridays! On Fridays, all meal swipes are converted into Flyson Dollars that can be used to purchase the Flyson's delicacies all day long rather than only during their usual 12-3 a.m. operating hours.

## Saturdays

The day has finally arrived! Students on Saturdays transform into fashion icons, flaunting their Shein leather pants and flannels over hoodies at super. All of their worries disintegrate as they stomp to "Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! (A Man After Midnight)." Not to mention how hard the caf hits post-super, with half-eaten pizzas on the ground and left over jello shots thrown on the tables. Keep slaying, Bucknellians!

# Bucknell Dance Showcase welcomes newest member... Bucky!

Aaron Chin  
Satire Co-Editor

Dance is harder than it looks. While many people are natural athletes and can make dancing seem effortless, dancing is a far more complex sport that requires coordination, stamina and athleticism.

Therefore, Bucknell's dance team holds rigorous auditions when they are looking for new members.

Last weekend, the Bucknell dance team held auditions for their showcase this semester. There were record numbers of participants this year, as hundreds of students auditioned for the team. However, there was one unexpected contestant that showed up: Bucky the Bison! That's right, Bucknell's beloved mascot auditioned for the upcoming dance showcase.

"I was so surprised to see him audition," dance captain Buster Move '23 said. "We typically don't accept non-humans onto the dance team, but Bucky really impressed us all."

Bucky truly did put on quite the show. While bison might seem big and lumbering to the naked eye, Bucky was quite graceful and elegant, as he impressed all of the judges with his unparalleled athletic abilities. As a part of the audition process, the dance team put contestants through numerous drills and exercises to assess their strengths. One of these drills was to run laps around the track in the Gerhard

Fieldhouse. While normal bison can only run a mere thirty-five miles per hour, Bucky was able to run around the track at two times the speed of light. Now that's fast!

There was another unexpected contestant that auditioned: Leo, the Lafayette Leopard. However, the Leopard simply could not keep up with our Bucky since leopards can only run at thirty-six miles per hour, which, shockingly, is not twice the speed of light.

One judge named Jandy Rackson had a very interesting comment about the leopard's performance as well: "That's a no for me, cat."

It turned out that the leopard was just confused and thought that he was auditioning for Lafayette's dance showcase, so he went back to his campus with his whiskers hung low. Once he returned, he found that he could also run at twice the speed of light and was accepted onto his dance team; home court advantage is real, everyone.

Let's get back to Bucky. Renowned music executive Bill Board actually sat in on the auditions this week. According to Mr. Board's calculations, Bucknell is now projected to crack the coveted "Top 100 College Dance Teams Located Near the Susquehanna River Valley," all due to Bucky's contributions during auditions. Way to go, Bucky!

# Frat houses violate health code violations, parties moved into academic buildings

Siobhan Nerz  
Senior Writer

The term "frat rat" is normally used to describe a brother who is particularly invested in his fraternity and loves to party. Who knew the term would also describe the furry creatures living in the downtown houses?

Due to many health code violations, such as improper food storage and kitchen sanitation, the houses have attracted rats. Sources say the fraternities have been initiating the rats as pledges, but this has yet to be confirmed. Due to the dirty conditions, Bucknell has shut down off campus fraternity houses as they upgrade the living conditions. The fraternity boys are now temporarily living in the senior apartments.

Despite their living upgrade, the frat rats are upset by their new housing. Ray Gerr '23 actually likes his house's condition, commenting, "Sure there were bats, but they are nocturnal like us, so we got along fine."

Likewise, Dirk Care '23, asserted the pros of a sticky floor, saying, "The floor made a mean game of don't touch the lava."

Sorority girls also miss the downtown houses. Shirley Dunkin '24, says she misses the sweaty, dirty parties, arguing they were like a free spa treatment with a sauna and mud bath.

Many fraternities complained to Bucknell administration that they have no place to host social events. In response to the boys' suffering, the University allowed fraternities to hold parties in academic buildings. Last weekend, frats mixed their drinks in the Rooke chemistry building. Partygoers say, due to the precision of the graduated cylinders, they had the best drinks they had ever received at a frat event.

One may expect the frats left the building a mess. However, Rooke was as clean as ever since the fraternities forced new pledges to wake up at 6 a.m. to clean the spilled drinks.

Fraternities have also been using the greenhouse on top of Rooke to grow mushrooms. Biology professors have even been helping to water the plants as they have yet to learn of the mushrooms' hallucinogenic properties.

The main party last weekend took place in the library. Frat boys picked the location because they heard it was a popular student gathering place. They did not realize that Bucknellians often spend long hours at the library to study. The event introduced many of the frat boys to this space, and some are even swearing they will come back to actually study.

Philip Flop '23, commented, "Who knew Bucknell had this great building? If I knew we could party there, I would have come to the library earlier."

Furthermore, the library mixer got a bit out of hand when students threw some books. Although one would expect librarians to get angry about the damaged property, they were actually pleased as they have never had such a large number of students pick up books for once.

Overall, Bucknellians are curious where the next party will be hosted. Rumor has it that frats will hold their events in the Weis Music Hall so their generic Spotify playlists will have better resonance.

# Oh No! Cake Wars ends in cake catastrophe

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Senior Writer

Last Friday, the CAP Center held yet another Cake Wars, inviting students to team up and defeat each other in the glory of battle - a cake decorating battle, that is. Frosting, candies and other decorating items were provided for all teams to use, and teams were discouraged from bringing their own decorations to avoid unfair advantages.

There was no set theme this year; teams were encouraged to be creative while staying school appropriate. With no other rules in place and a two-hour time limit, it looked like this year's Cake Wars would be a roaring success.

Unlike last year's Pixar theme, there were no duplicate cake themes between the teams. There was one lovely dinosaur themed birthday cake created by a group of first-years, and a sophomore team full of physics and astronomy majors that made an extremely realistic spherical moon cake.

Another team wanted to make a traditional wedding cake, but they apparently couldn't agree on a

color scheme seeing as there were splotches of green, gold, navy and orange all over. The rainbow meltdown was only broken up by patches of pink and black zebra print as well as fake flowers they brought in.

Naturally there was a recreation of the classic black and yellow Batman logo by the Film Club, but it was upstaged by a gorgeous "Avatar: The Way of Water" cake from a team of engineers. This cake included a functioning waterfall they constructed out of pretzel sticks and a wafer watermill attached to a motor. Too bad the warm water running across the top of their cake melted the frosting!

Rounding out the entries was an adorable recreation of the Bucknell Farm. Made from a basic sheet cake, the Bison Fanclub made a decent attempt at using the edible paint to draw our beloved Bucky the Bison.

Last, but certainly not least, was a surprisingly accurate Brent Papson head, which was fitting

since the man himself was a judge!

The entire event went well up until the judging, with no large messes occurring. Well, unless you count the wedding cake. But the minute the judges (Mr. Papson and several members of the dining staff) started examining the entries, the sweet competition quickly turned sour.

The Dino Party team accused the engineers of having an unfair advantage with their pump system, while the Batties called out the school spirit-oriented cakes for pandering to the judges. Before anyone knew it, the Moon cake was flying through the air and a food fight ensued.

Decorated cakes and unused decorations were hurtling through the air, icing and sprinkles covering everyone and getting embedded into the carpet. There was so much chaos that one of the wedding cake team members threw her own cake out the window! In the end, the Papson Tribute head was the last cake standing, and so the Papsonites won by default.

# Librarians infuriated with students fighting over study rooms, so they booked them all themselves

Aaron Chin  
Satire Co-Editor

When it comes to study options, it's no secret that Bucknell University has many to choose from. From the Carnegie Library to the Hildreth Mirza Great Room that some students can't even access, Bucknell really tries to help its students study in the best ways possible. Some of the most popular study options are the study rooms that students can book in the Bertrand Library.

Bertrand Library has many study spaces that students can reserve online. All you have to do is go to the library's website, click on "Study Rooms," and follow these simple directions: turn on location services to prove that you are in the library, allow the website to access your phone's fitness app so it knows you are walking to the library and submit a selfie for photo identification approval.

It's so convenient, but some students simply can't be bothered to book the study rooms before using them. This has created conflict, as students who reserve rooms often have

to kick out students who did not. The conflict has escalated quickly, as several students have taken to fist fighting and rioting over their study rooms.

Bertrand's librarians did their best to address this serious problem for the students. Their solution: book all the study rooms themselves.

"If there are no more study rooms to book," library manager Booker Room said, "then there are no more rooms to fight over. We need these imbeciles to just get out of our hair."

And minimize conflict they did, as Bertrand's employees put the study rooms to some unorthodox uses. In one study room called the "Teahouse Room," the librarians have taken to hosting relaxing British tea parties. There was even one time when world famous British actors Daniel Radcliffe, Daniel Craig and Daniel Day-Lewis claimed that "it reminded them of home," when Bertrand Library hosted a "Famous British Actors Named Daniel Day." Frida Kahlo and Mark Rothko

even visited the Kahlo Room and the Rothko Room.

This tactic did not work for long. Several Bertrand Library employees used the Picasso room to try and sell random drawings of rectangles and circles as authentic Picasso paintings. Some employees also started selling their reservations and made profits out of this - reservations for the Rothko Room went for as much as \$100 dollars, while the Fallingwater Room went for almost \$1,000. This came to an end when one student named Cat Fisher hacked into the library's website and discovered their underground operation. Needless to say, Bucknell put a stop to this and has reinstated the old booking system.

We're hoping that the reservation system will hold up. How will Bucknell react? Will they try to implement another system? We will certainly keep you all updated as new developments unfold. Until then, I must leave it here; my study room reservation just ended, and someone is coming to kick me out.



# Samek Art Museum: The Nemesis Machine

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Special Features Editor

Having made its first debut in America on January 17, The Nemesis Machine by a British artist Stanza will be open for students to visit. The exhibit is on display in the Samek Art Museum—The Campus Gallery, located on the top floor of the Elaine Langone Center.

The artist Stanza shares insight about his project “The Nemesis Machine – From Metropolis to Megalopolis to Ecumenopolis” on his website, stanza.co.uk. It states his installation presents ideas such as “data ownership, surveillance, real time space, urban environments as well as system based metaphors.”

It states that tension exists between utopian optimism and dystopian dysfunction within the art. People can recognize aspects like this tension among others showing how complicit we are to the global surveillance machine collecting our data “for some sort of gain.”

He identifies the questions and potential concerns the project could raise. Ranging from observation and surveillance to the ethics of the control space. It is put into perspective in his online description.

“Imagine walking out the door, and knowing every single action, movement, sound, micro movement, pulse, and thread of information is being tracked, monitored, stored, analyzed, interpreted and logged. The Nemesis Machine is like Big Brother parsed through the lens of the internet of things.”

Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Alan Cheville interviewed the artist Stanza. The discussion they had regarding the display was taped and posted to the Samek Museum website. Students or potential visitors to the exhibit can view the interview for free.

The interview gives viewers more information about the projects and its origins. It is stated that he originally earned a U.K. grant for research that led him to the idea. The build for the exhibit began thirteen years ago in 2010 but Sanza’s inspiration and initial thinking behind the idea began twenty years ago. It took that time to create and build the electronic components at the advanced level it is now. In terms of the materials Stanza explained in the interview that hardware for the project was not donated but rather acquired and collected over the course of many years.

As a 12 by 48 foot display it covers close to the majority of the floor space in the museum. It is constructed from various different types of hardware and many motherboards. Different sections of the display light on and off with several colors and sounds. The boards for the piece all have different origins and for that reason they bring to the project as a whole their own history, memory, and identity.

He explains that the hundreds of motherboards are broken up and formatted to create a recreation of a city. The artwork as a whole is reflecting occurrences and real world events happening elsewhere. To an uneducated audience member it simply resembles a city, but the deeper meaning he shares is that it signifies the notion of everything all at once.

He elaborates his idea that the display takes the real world and turns it virtual. He continues on that his ideas on society, agency and control are expressed through the artwork. The lights, sounds and appearance of the art that he discussed is meant to distract from its actual purpose. The technology monetizing, politicizing, exploiting, or controlling the personal data from the people it collects from. In turn representing

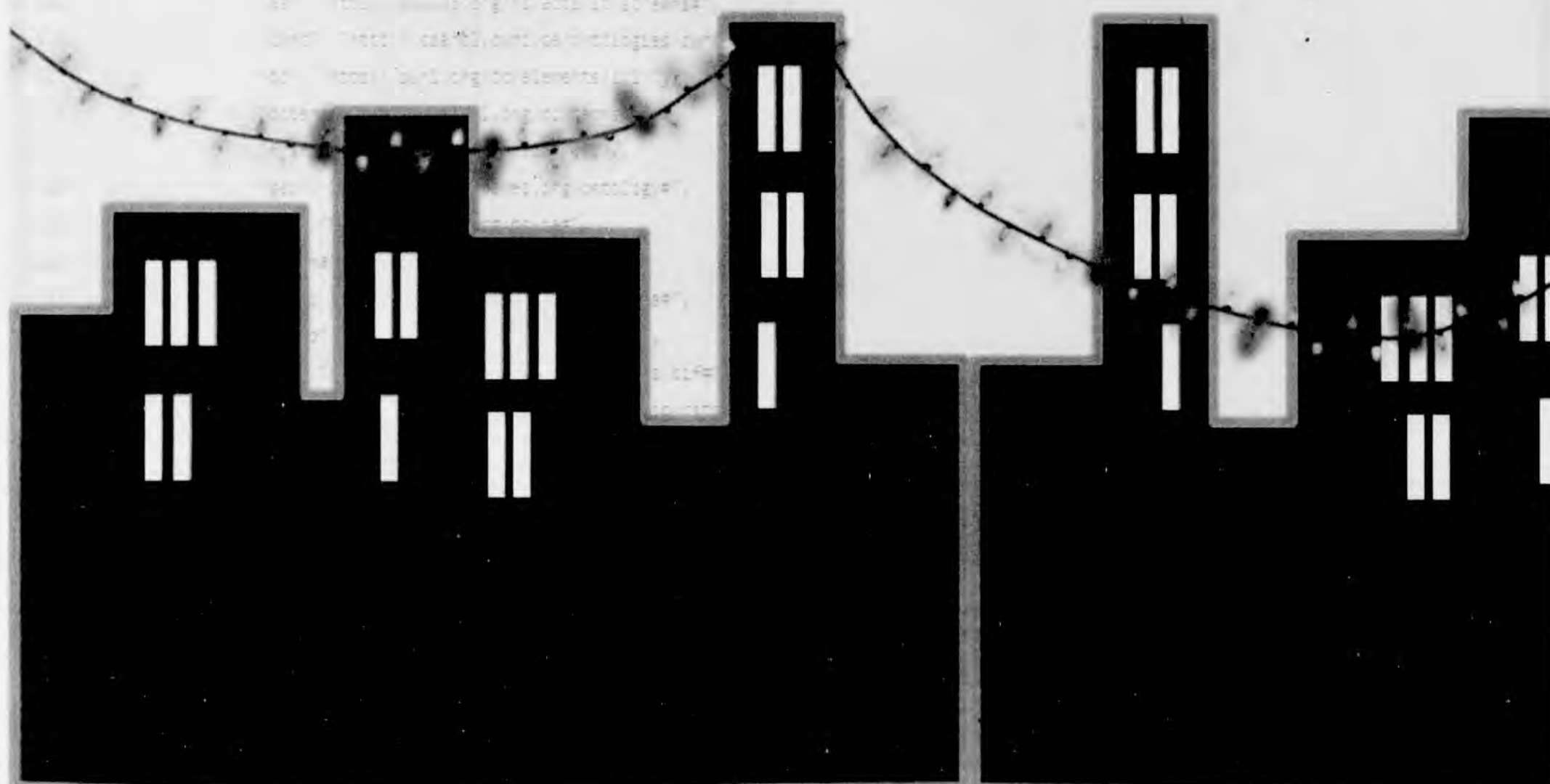
how this occurs in our daily life and society through the internet and other technology and furthering those ideas to embody dystopian dysfunction.

The tension here is that as described on his site the Nemesis Machine could potentially help audiences to envision a society in which individuals are “liberated and empowered” and the technology is finally working for us. This interpretation of the project would represent the utopian optimism he originally described as a part of the machine.

The gallery offers an aspect of audience participation. Titled “Velocity – Landscapes of Collaborative Entanglement” the description provided to viewers puts into perspective that certain apps allow us to utilize their visible functions. Those allow us to message friends or check the weather. Opposite to that invisible to us on the apps we use is our data and behavior being tracked and shared with the companies or owners.

In response to investigating these functions of technology an app was created to work with the machine. Audiences can download Sanza Velocity to use the app and interact with the data used for the machine. “Velocity” as he calls it turns the typical private functions with data public to use in the machine and display on the wall of the gallery in video form. It is described in the gallery as “a visual collage of collective collaborative entanglement.”

Stanza’s work is being shown until March 12 and admission to The Campus Gallery is free of charge. The opening reception for the exhibit was held on Jan. 26 and normal hours for visitation can now be followed. The Samek Museum is open six days a week Tuesday through Sunday. The hours of the gallery are 12–5 p.m. in the Elaine Langone Center.





# THE BUCKNELLIAN sports

**B1** — February 3, 2023

## Men's Track & Field hosts Bison Open & competes at PSU Invite

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The Bucknell Track and Field team hosted the Bison Open this past week, including over 20 teams, while also sending multiple athletes to compete at the Penn State University (PSU) Invite.

At the Bison Open, the Bison men had great success.

With a time of 1:06:71, Zachary Jelinek '26 placed first in the 500-meter run. This first-year is making his mark, as he ran four seconds faster than the second-place finisher. Jelinek also competed in the distance medley relay with teammates Gardy Philogene '26, Jayson Harmer '26 and Daniel Hilmer '26, finishing in third place (10:24:81).

Seth Hoffritz '23 placed first in the 1000-meter run with a time of 2:37:22, running two seconds ahead of the second-place runner.

Rookie Cooper Hyken '26 placed third in the 60-meter dash (7:04).

Brian Scotto '25 finished second in the 60-meter hurdles with a finish of 8.46.

Thomas White '25 placed sixth in the Mile Run (4:24.42).

Carrying over from his success in the Gulden Invitational, Brandon Foust '25 earned the IC4A qualification and was the second overall for his 22.22 time in the 200-meter Dash.

Franco Perinotti '23 performed very well in the heptathlon, finishing first

with 4655 points. Placing lower within the first couple of events, Perinotti turned things around, and scored the seventh-best in Bucknell history while also placing 19 points better than his previous personal best.

In the field events, Chris Sims '25 placed third in the high jump (45-02.50) and teammate Wade Shomper '26 placed sixth in the Shot Put (50-04.75).

Our three Bison men that attended the PSU invite also performed very well.

Samuel Whittaker '23 is now third in the Bucknell record books for the mile run. This weekend he ran a 4:05.35 mile time, placing 18th overall.

Both Robert Feeney '23 and John Calisi '23 placed in the top 20, earning IC4A qualifications in the Weight Throw. Feeney tossed the weight for a mark of 59-02.25, earning the eighteenth spot, and Calisi threw for a mark of 55-08.25, earning the twentieth spot.

"Some people did well and some struggled, but that's typical this early in the season," Jack Renaghan '25 said. "Right now, we're looking forward to this weekend for our first travel meet and continue to gear up for leagues."

The Bison look forward to the Scarlet and White Invitation at Boston University on Feb. 4 next weekend:

## Women's Swimming and Diving finishes strong at Bison Invite



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**Morgan Sohosky**  
Senior Writer

The Bison hosted their home invite over the weekend where they competed against schools including Lehigh, American, Lafayette, Shippensburg and Navy. They posted 10 wins on the weekend; five events placing in the top three.

Abby Doss '24 led the weekend with a top-10 finish. Her swim in the 200 freestyle was the seventh-best time in school history with two of her teammates placing as well.

Along with the 200 freestyle was the 200 IM, which was another successful race for the Bison, as they took the top three finishes. Doss finished first with a 2:04.20, Caroline McGann '24 finished in second with 2:06.08 and in third was Sabrina Vumbacco '23 with a time of 2:06.56.

Another sweep for the Bison was the 100 breaststroke. Hannah Bingley '26 took first with a time of 1:05.12, her teammate Grace

Kujawski '24 finished second with a time of 1:05.62 and Esme Hunter '24 took third with a time of 1:05.67.

The 100 butterfly race also had a similar outcome with a first, second and third sweep from Sarah Culkin '25, Vumbacco, and Jennifer Bolden '26 with times of 56.44, 56.51 and 56.87 respectively.

The Orange and Blue will host the Patriot League Championships at Kinney Natatorium Feb. 15, 16 and 17.

## Upcoming Events

### Wrestling

- vs Columbia 2/3 7 p.m.
- vs Navy 2/4 2 p.m.

### Men's and Women's Track and Field

- @ Scarlet and White Invitational 2/4

### Women's Waterpolo

- @ Austin College 2/4 9 a.m.
- @ Santa Clara 2/4 12:30 p.m.
- @ Wagner 2/5 9:10 a.m.
- @ Marist 2/5 12:40 p.m.

### Women's Tennis

- @ St. Francis 2/4 11 a.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

- vs Mercer 2/4 11:30 a.m.

### Women's Basketball

- @ Army 2/4 1 p.m.

### Men's Tennis

- vs Villanova 2/4 1 p.m.
- vs Drexel 2/4 12 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

- vs Army 2/4 7 p.m.

### Women's Golf

- @ Lady Bison Bay Point Classic 2/5-2/7

## Women's Water Polo opens up their season on the road

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Bison Women's Water Polo opened up their 2023 season at the Princeton Invite this past weekend, facing strong competition from University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), UC San Diego and Wagner. The Bison battled hard the entire weekend.

The Orange and Blue were first met by twelfth ranked UCSB, who proved to be a challenging opponent. The Gauchos began the scoring just nineteen seconds into the match, however Bella Moynihan '23 responded thirty seconds later, evening the score 1-1 with less than a minute on the clock.

The Gauchos scored three straight goals to lead 4-1 into the second quarter.

The Bison scored their second goal of the match thanks to Isabelle Monaghan '24, but the Gauchos 4-0 response eventually led them to an 8-2 lead.

The Bison got on the board once more in the second quarter, heading into halftime down 8-3. While the Orange and Blue continued to fight, the Gauchos' offense proved to be too much, as they continued their scoring to a 16-7 UCSB victory.

The Bison had two more matches on Sunday, Jan. 29 where they first faced No. 15 UC San Diego.

Chloe Smith '23 scored the opening goal, taking an early lead.

The Bison held the Tritons off for a few minutes, but San Diego ultimately responded with two goals of their own.

Moynihan then tied the game for the Orange and Blue, but that would be the last Bison goal for a while as the Tritons went on an 11-0 run.

The match ended 18-5 in favor of UC San Diego.

In their final game of the Invite, the Bison faced another ranked opponent in No. 17 Wagner, which started the match off with a 4-0 run.

Coming from behind, the Bison eventually got on the board off of a late first quarter goal.

The Orange and Blue entered the half down 8-3.

While they continued to fight, Wagner's offensive effort was too much to handle, as they scored six more goals, ending the match 14-6.

"The weekend was a great opportunity to play high-level teams and get better," Moynihan said. "We learned a lot as a team and had great chemistry. We are at a good starting point for the season, so we need to continue to build off this."

The Bison showed very promising results against three nationally ranked opponents.

The team is headed to Providence, R.I. this upcoming weekend, where they will play a series of four games at the Bruno Classic. Their first opponent is Austin College, followed by Santa Clara on Saturday, Feb. 4. The Bison will close out the weekend with two more matches against Wagner and Marist on Sunday, Feb. 5.

## Women's Tennis competes in New England



**Clara McCormick**  
Sports Editor

This past weekend, Bison women's tennis faced Patriot League opponent Boston University, as well as University of Rhode Island in two away matches. Both matches unfortunately resulted in losses for the Orange and Blue, but there were still numerous noteworthy performances amongst the team.

Against the Terriers, Whitney King '25 at No. 1 singles was able to claim the first set against 2019's Patriot League Rookie of the year, which was a challenging feat.

At No. 1 doubles, King and her doubles partner Tyne Miller '24 were also able to give their Boston opponents a run for their money. The Bison were up 5-4 before the Terriers were able to win the next two games in a row to secure the eventual win.

Anna Lajos '25 at No. 2 singles and Mirra Manolov '26 at No. 5 singles both managed to earn tiebreakers in their first two sets respectively.

"Facing Boston after our six hour bus ride was definitely a challenge," Lajos said. "They're a very strong team, and we put up a really good

fight. Even though it was only our second weekend of the season, all of the girls played so incredibly well- fighting for every point."

Despite falling 4-2 against Rhode Island, the match still resulted in some wins for the Bison team.

King at No. 1 singles and Lajos at No. 2 singles were each able to win their matches after coming up just short versus Boston.

King won her match with a final score of 6-3, 0-6, 10-6, and Lajos, who leads the team in singles wins, won 6-3, 6-0.

"Rhode Island was also a very strong team, but I would say we did even better against them," Lajos said. "I love playing alongside the girls on my team because they inspire me to push myself beyond my limits and really give it my all. I scored my first singles point of the season against them, and I'm excited to complete and hopefully earn many more for our team this coming season."

Next weekend, the Orange and Blue will face off against Saint Francis in Loretto, Pa., on Feb. 4.





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## Men's Basketball travels South to Navy and Loyola

Hugh Straine  
Staff Writer

Bison men's basketball fell short of two wins this past week with a 63-46 loss at home against Navy on Wednesday Jan. 25 and a road loss to Loyola on Saturday.

The defensive showing from the Bison was strong to start the week, holding Navy to 63 points and 29 percent shooting from outside the arc to go along with 14 turnovers.

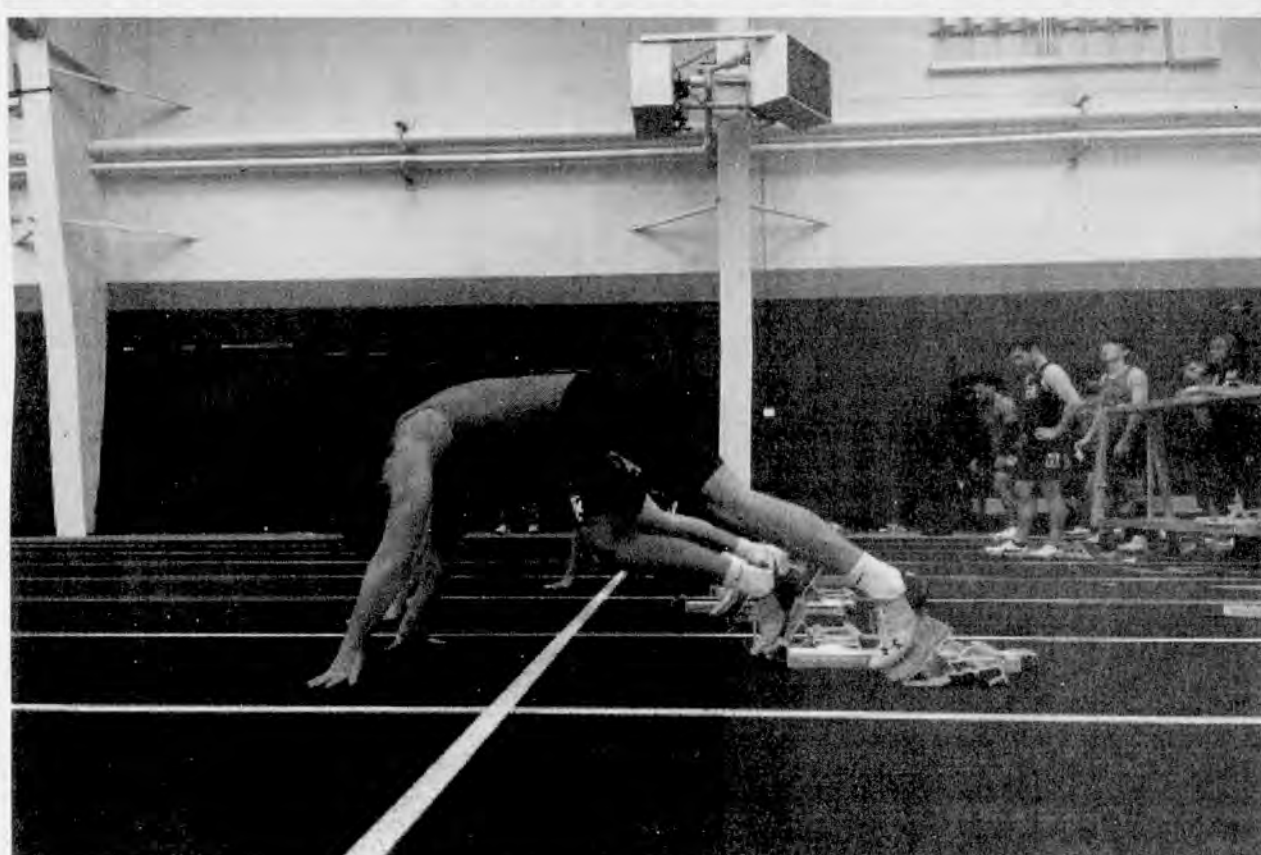
"Defensively we've just been focused on being connected as a unit and trusting that if we go to help someone else, someone is going to have our back and help us," Xander Rice '23 said. "So [we're] definitely just trying to trust each other."

Saturday offered a more up-tempo matchup between the Greyhounds and Bison, but Bucknell still fell 80-66, bringing their record to

8-15 for the season and 1-9 in Patriot League play. Rice gave the Bison 21 points on seven of 20 shooting while knocking down four three-pointers.

"Offensively we just have to continue to be confident and share the ball and know that the shots will eventually fall," Rice said.

Men's basketball is back in action on Feb. 8 to face Navy in Annapolis, Md.



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## Bucknell Women's Track and Field sweep the Bison Open

Madison Rehak  
Staff Writer

Women's track and field competed at the Bison Open in Lewisburg, Pa. this weekend.

Day one of the meet, Bucknell started off strong with the help of Meghan Quinn '24 and Karen Hull '24.

Quinn won the 200m dash in 24.73 seconds. This gave her the ECAC qualification, and she now holds the fourth fastest time for the event in Bucknell history.

Hull placed first in the 60m hurdles event with a time of 8.96 seconds.

Additionally, the distance medley that consisted of Grace Vives '26, Alison Cooke '26, Lauren Shaffer '26 and Caryn Rippey '26 placed first with a whopping 12 seconds between them and the next team to finish.

Elizabeth Bryant '26 and Jenny Scott '23 tied for third place in pole vault with a clearance of 11-06.25, while Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 threw the second best shot-put at 43-01.50.

Abigail Dunne '23 had the highest score for the Bison in the pentathlon.

The following day of the Bison Open, the Orange and Blue continued their dominating streak from the previous day.

Three Bison placed first, second and third on the 500m run. The first place winner was Colleen Linko '24 with a time of 1:20.24.

Additionally, Katherine Loew '25 won the 400m dash at a time of 58.8 seconds and Hollie Walters '24 won the 3000m run at a time of 10:31.88.

The top team for the 4x400m relay barely missed winning a first place result by 0.18 seconds and finished in second. The team was composed of Ella Boback '26, Mikayla Horvath '23, Maddy Hippensteel '24 and Loew.

The field events on the second day secured the win for the Bison, as they gained all first place spots in the high jump.

Hull won first place and earned an ECAC qualification with the height of 5-07.00, which also matched her personal best score for the high jump in her career. Olivia Boyce '24 and Abby Kates '24 matched their personal best at 5-05.00 in the event, as well.

O'Sullivan placed second in the weight throw event with a score of 49-08.25.

"This past weekend was another successful meet for the team," Scott said. "It's really exciting seeing so many people reaching new personal bests in their events or getting close to breakthroughs. This has been a successful season thus far, and I believe our team will only continue to get better as we start to travel to places like Boston and Staten Island in the coming weeks."

This weekend, the team will travel to Boston University for the Scarlet and White Invitational.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Emma Shaffer '23



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Caleb Wooten  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Women's Basketball is on an absolute tear, winning both of their games by an average of 27 points this past week.

In the team's 73-37 victory over Loyola, senior captain Emma Shaffer '23 scored 19 points to tie her career high as well as adding in 10 rebounds for her third double-double of the season. Shaffer also led the Bison in scoring with 14 points and nine rebounds in their win versus Navy.

"We knew this was a very important week going into it and that we could win if we did what we needed to do," Shaffer said. "Our practices were really focused on cleaning up mistakes we made previously and I believe that caused us to feel really upbeat and positive heading into the games."

This stretch was key for the Bison, as the third through eighth seeds in the Patriot League are only separated by two games. This squad is well aware of the importance of home-court advantage in the Patriot League tournament, as their two home games last year helped propel them to the championship game. The majority of last year's team returned, though encompassing vastly different roles this time around.

This season, Shaffer has been delivering consistently for the Orange and Blue. Shaffer is averaging a near double-double for the Bison, averaging 9.8 points and 8.2 rebounds per game, making her one of the most consistent interior presences in the Patriot League. Shaffer knew heading

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Women's Basketball

#### Hometown

Cincinnati, Ohio

#### High School

Ursuline Academy

into the year that she would have to step up, and has fully embraced the new role.

"Last year I was a starter but I didn't feel the pressure to put up consistent scoring numbers like I do now; I was more focused on setting screens and getting rebounds," Shaffer said. "This year, I knew I would have to step up considering we lost a large chunk of our offense with the seniors who graduated this past year. On the court I've had to be more aggressive and look for my shot more than past years, and also find the balance between doing that and getting my teammates involved. We have a young team, so I've had to step up as a leader and help our underclassmen adjust to the team culture and environment which has been awesome. We have a great group of players, so as long as we are consistent and believe in ourselves I think we can go far."

Shaffer and the Bison look to continue this momentum at Army on Feb. 4, which will be streamed on ESPN+.

### Career Stats

- 69 games played
- Two-time member of the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll
- 5 double-doubles

## Bison Wrestling fights hard in their first EIWA defeat

Brooke Tracey  
Senior Writer

The Bucknell wrestling team won two of three matches they competed in this past weekend, Jan. 28 and 29.

Their match at home against LIU early on Saturday resulted in a 38-4 win for the Bison.

Darren Miller '23 (141) and Dorian Crosby '24 (285) each landed pins to earn the team 12 total points. Mikey Bartush '26 (184) added five more points after winning with a tech fall, the first of his career. Kolby DePron '25 (149) won 8-6 in an overtime sudden victory and Riley Bower '26 (157) also clinched a win.

Later that same day, the Bison traveled to Lawrenceville, N.J. to compete at Rider University where Kurt Phipps '24 (133), Braden Bower '26 (141), Chase Barlow '26 (165) and Crosby all posted wins for Bucknell.

Along with Bower and Barlow, Sam Barnes '23 (174) and Mason McCreedy '23 (184) all picked up back to back decisions. The team left Lawrenceville with a 19-15 win.

The next day, the Bison traveled to West Point, N.Y. to wrestle Army and were narrowly beaten after holding a 17-15 lead before falling 19-17.

McCreedy won with a 4-2 decision, followed by Nolan Springer's '25 (197) win and Crosby's 12-2 major decision. Kurt Phipps won his bout 3-0 and Darren Miller posted a win with a 9-1 major decision.

"The weekend was successful," Crosby said. "I wrestled hard and tried to give my all for the team throughout the match and get bonus points as much as I could. Overall as a team I think we fought really hard in all three duals. There are some weights and some little things we need to work on, but I think we are going to get back in the wrestling room and work out those kinks. It's only up from here."

Bucknell looks to host Columbia and Navy at Davis gym next weekend, Feb. 3 and 4.



# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### Post-Qatar: Drama Amidst the U.S. Men's National Team

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Senior Writer

After a surprisingly decent performance in the recent World Cup, the United States Men's National team (USMNT) has not caught a break from the news. In a relatively unexpected announcement, U.S. Soccer released a statement regarding allegations against the head coach of the team, Gregg Berhalter.

The coach wrote on Twitter afterwards, confirming the allegations as he stated he had become physical with his wife Rosalind in a bar altercation in 1991. It was a bit of a surprise to many, because unlike most social media controversies, this situation had not gone viral yet. There weren't a ton of cancellation hashtags, nor was anything like "fire Berhalter" trending. It seems as though the U.S. Soccer Federation found out before everyone, and rather than waiting for the news to break any further, they got on top of the

situation stating their "commitment to transparency" in a released statement.

In that statement, they stated that they had immediately hired Alston & Bird LLP to conduct an independent investigation, and that they were hiring a different coach in the interim. The team is currently being managed by interim coach Anthony Hudson.

Berhalter was hired in 2018 after the USMNT had a rough couple of years. He was able to turn the group around, leading the team to 37 wins, 11 losses and 12 draws before qualifying for the 2022 World Cup from their performance in the CONCACAF tournament. While the team's success cannot be solely attributed to Berhalter's coaching, the news is quite upsetting to U.S. soccer fans, and obviously the greater public in general.

What added even more to this controversy was the

involvement of one USMNT players, Giovanni Reyna. It was revealed that Reyna's mother, Danielle Reyna, had disclosed the details of the 1991 physical altercation, as Rosalind was her college roommate. Her disclosure started the U.S. Soccer Federation investigation and prompted their quick statement release.

Some find the timing regarding the reveal of this information suspicious. Danielle Reyna disclosed this information shortly following a semi-public feud between her son and Berhalter.

Giovanni Reyna had been a promising player in the rising youth of the USMNT. He scored four goals in only 16 international matches, and is one of the top young players in the German Bundesliga. After suffering injuries in the CONCACAF tournament, Reyna was benched for several matches.

Some thought he was still hurt, however Reyna claimed that he was healthy enough to play well into the World Cup, and that Berhalter was purposely not playing him. He stated that the coach told him that he would have a limited role in the tournament due to his lack of effort in training. It led to some hostility between Berhalter and Reyna, reaching the point at which Reyna had to issue a rather odd apology to his entire team after their 3-1 loss against the Netherlands for his "lack of effort" in training and in the tournament.

This controversy brings about the phenomenon of parents' displeasure with their kids' playing time. Many people suspect that Reyna's mother had not disclosed the information until after his lack of playing time in the tournament, and that it was used against Berhalter.

The two families had been rather close prior to the tournament, as Berhalter and Claudio Reyna, Giovanni's father, grew up together. While the actions committed by Berhalter are obviously wrong, the reveal of this information also proves to be suspicious.

With the feud between the families continuing as the investigation advances, the USMNT is trying to rebuild from losing their head coach. With most of the team playing professionally at the moment, interim coach Hudson is stuck with an extremely young roster during a time of uncertain rebuilding. While he asserts that this young generation is promising, Hudson's seat is likely temporary, and everyone will have to wait and see what comes of the investigation as well as who may come along to try to continue the team's relative success.



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### Women's Basketball Adds Two Big Patriot League Wins

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Senior Writer

Bison Women's Basketball had victories in both of their games last week.

The Bison traveled to Annapolis Wednesday, Jan. 25 to take on Navy, with a season record at the time of 6-13 overall and 2-6 in Patriot League play.

The first period started out strong, with the team obtaining a 10-5 lead. Grace Sullivan '26 came off the bench helping contribute to the team's first couple points and lead. Navy was quick to fight back, ending the quarter with a 17-12 lead after a 10-0 run.

The Bison's next points didn't come until 2:45 minutes into the second quarter, mostly from free throws. Despite falling behind in offense, the Bison thrived defensively and were able to keep Navy in firing range. Navy's lead reached 27-14, but Isabella King '25 was able to hit a three-pointer to break the scoring drought.

After the first half, the Orange and Blue trailed by 10 points, 31-21. The Bison came out firing in the second half and went on a 15-5 run to even the game out 36-36.

Emma Theodorsson '26 contributed to the run with four straight points, Emma Shaffer '23 had six, Tai Johnson '23 added five and Remi Sisselman '25 added a three-pointer and another basket. After a strongly offensive led quarter, the Bison secured a 47-41 lead.

Navy was able to shorten

the lead during the final quarter of the game. However, the Bison were able to respond to each Navy basket with their own. Navy was able to close the lead to 57-49, but then Shaffer pulled off a three point play.

Navy then resorted to fouling to maintain possession. Caroline Dingler '24 made four straight free throws. Navy was unable to convert on their end but the Bison ended with a jumper from Shaffer and finished the game with a 67-49 victory.

"We have been focused on taking care of the ball and having less turnovers," Shaffer said. "This was good in the second half of Navy and the whole Loyola game. As a result good things were happening for us and we were getting the results we wanted."

The Orange and Blue then returned home where they took on the Loyola Greyhounds Jan. 28. Impressive performances were had by King and Shaffer who each finished with 19 points, tying career highs.

The Blue and Orange took off offensively in the first quarter, scoring 26 points, tying their record for most points in a quarter, while only letting up seven. The Bison shot 54.5 percent from the field, 10 for 10 from the free throw line and 66.7 percent from three point range.

The second quarter was similar to the first. The Bison went on an 8-0 run to start,

putting them up 25 points. Loyola countered with their own 7-0 run after a timeout. Going into halftime Bucknell led 38-18.

Loyola managed to cut the deficit down to 44-28 at one point in the third quarter, but the Bison quickly responded with an explosion of baskets. Johnson and King each added seven pounds in response. Julie Kulesza '24 added two free throws and Shaffer added a jumper.

The final quarter was also led by the Bison. Once the score was 66-35, Coach Woodruff was able to get each player on the court. They ended 73-37, another win for the Orange and Blue.

In addition to leading offensively, Shaffer tallied 10 rebounds and three assists, helping her reach her fifth double-double. King added four assists and two steals. Theodorsson and Sisselman helped contribute to the offensive play with 10 and eight points respectively.

"With the injuries we have, I knew I had to step up offensively because it clears up the perimeter players to hit shots since they are focused on me inside, such as Bella [King] hitting multiple threes on kickouts in the game," Shaffer said.

The Bison now hold a 8-13 record and are 4-6 in Patriot League play. They look to continue this streak as they travel to West Point Feb. 4, to take on the Army Black Knights.

### Bison Men's Swimming and Diving hosts the Bucknell Invite



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Staff Writer

The Bucknell Men's Swimming and Diving team made impressive strides with eight first place winners at the Bison Invitational in Kinney Natatorium this past weekend.

The teams competing on campus included UMBC (partial squad), American, Navy (men's team), Shippensburg, Lafayette and Lehigh.

John Gehrig '24 made his mark in the record book in the 100 backstroke with a time of 49.88, placing him at eighth-best of all time for the event in Bucknell history.

Gehrig also earned the tenth-best time in school history for the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:01.94.

The Bison took the top three spots in the 400 IM, as Chris Kopac '25 (first, 3:58.06), Braden Beagle '26 (second, 4:03.06) and Shane Wynne '26 (third, 4:03.16) finished in order ahead of three Navy swimmers.

Chris Fabian '24 (200 IM), Christian Stef '23 (100 freestyle), Kopac (400 IM) and Andy Dorsel '25 (200 freestyle) added to the crowd of first-place finishers for the Bison.

The next two weeks for the men will be filled with preparation for the Patriot League Championships, which will take place in Kinney Natatorium from Feb. 15 to 18.

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## BSU Black History Month Statement

Dear Bucknell University:

This Black History Month, you can keep your empty platitudes, symbolic media posts, and the random sprinkling of Rosa Parks, and Barack Obama, and Edward Brawley into your class discussions, homework assignments, or dormitory bulletin boards. If you really want to make use of this month – the shortest month of the year, mind you – take the steps to re-evaluate your relationship with, and to, anti-blackness. Implore President Brayman to stop tokenizing Dr. Martin

Luther King Jr.'s 1958 visit to campus during every convocation ceremony, and tell the rest of administration that making your Chief of Public Safety Black will not, does not, and cannot negate the violence, brutalization, and terror policing is meant to inflict on Black bodies. Mind you, Bucknell would know this if it provided the Critical Black Studies Department the funding it needs to hire more professors. This Black History Month, do us the favor of supporting Black students beyond watching us

Arts Fest, inviting us to speak at meaningless panels, posting an MLK quote on your Instagram story, and attending our parties when we're not welcomed at yours. Stop saying that we all have a responsibility to do 'the work', Black Bucknellians have done our part...now do yours.

If you truly, truly want to honor Black History Month, read a book. Literally.

Sincerely,

2022-2023 BSU Executive Board

## Extra cheese? No, thank you.



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Moira Weinstein  
Staff Writer

College is the place many people end up after graduating high school, given the financial support they need is met, or they have the funds to maintain an education. For Bucknell students, tuition is no joke. The prices have fallen victim to inflation of the highest degree, scholarships barely holding any weight compared to the full price tag.

As far as "worth it" goes, the beauty is in the eye of the beholder — each beholder. Some may go about life handing their credit cards to someone in charge, not checking the numbers on the screen. Yet, others, who deserve education just as much as anyone else, find themselves scrambling to achieve the quota and go above and beyond to maintain their support. Without going into a deep-seated rant on the state of university tuition rates in America, let's talk about food. Something prevalent to us all.

As a Bucknellian, I know the school prides itself on the various food options, from dining halls to All-Star trucks during finals week. And I acknowledge that to the fullest extent, but the quality of those options is where the problems lie. Quality and price. I have heard too many complaints of the expenses that become stressors for my friends.

Last semester I had the meal plan for around \$3,000, which included unlimited meal swipes and no dining dollars. When I didn't have it in me to trek up to Bostwick from downtown, I chose to order in, DoorDash and UberEats constantly irking me with their deals or convenience in general. I could not justify it, or afford it, but when my legs were too exhausted after the hills, I couldn't help myself.

I realized that the meal plan wasn't worth it, so I switched to ten swipes a week, with about 150 dining dollars. So, in theory, that is two meals every weekday, and one meal every weekend that I'm here, if I'm lucky. The rest would hypothetically be out of pocket directly, which would justify the outside spending. Yet, as someone who eats breakfast — crazy I know — I've found it almost impossible to live on the meal plan I do. I resort to ramen almost every night. Plus, going to Bostwick becomes lonely with all my other friends in the Bison surviving in their own way.

Just a couple weeks ago I went to the MacDonald Commons by the senior apartments, having never been there before. I was excited to see the Beyond Burger advertised, ordering it immediately, despite the \$8 fee, without any extras. After I placed my

order and picked it up, I went to the drink area where you pay. I poured myself a cup of water, immediately realizing it was "Lemon Water" for \$1.50 per cup.

The drink was already in my hand, so I was forced to pay for the lukewarm, sour drink, not seeing the tiny water dispenser below my line of sight that was perhaps intended for small children. Nevertheless, I purchase my meal but am alerted that I'm being charged for extra cheese. My eyes glance back to the form that states extra charges will be denoted with an asterisk.

"That's just the button," I inquired. I thought it isn't just the button, it's \$1.25 for a phantom slice of extra cheese, but I fear authority and I retreated the argument. They do the same to the others.

I talked to my friend about her opinion on the prices of the meal options here at Bucknell, and her rage matched mine and that of others I have asked. She replies that places like the Bison and the Commons should not be making the profits of a business, when they are attached to an already heavily priced school. I think about that, and how student workers are paid \$10 an hour, an upgrade from last year's \$8.25. The pockets of the administration must make it hard to walk.

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## TicketMaster Taylor



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The first fall of snow each semester is always a memorable event. This year, it took place on a slow Wednesday evening in November. Maybe that day you went sledding on the grove, or stopped to take a few Instagram stories on the quad of “how it glistened” or “how it fell,” or maybe you were just like me, calling the local Pennsylvania radio station 256 times in an attempt to win tickets to Taylor Swift’s sold out Eras Tour. You can say I remember this day all too well.

On Nov. 15, 2022, 1.5 million Taylor Swift fans awaited their opportunity to purchase tour tickets through Ticketmaster’s Verified Fan Presale. Unfortunately, it would only take a few hours for most of these Swifties to meet their tragic fate at the hands of a brutal monopoly: Live Nation Entertainment. This day marks the beginning of an entirely new great war, calling to question the imploding power of big business corporations like Live Nation Entertainment, and their alleged violation of consumer rights.

Lucky fans who were selected out of 3.5 million applicants in early November to participate in the TaylorSwiftTix Verified Fan Presale were told by Ticketmaster that they would receive a code on Nov. 14 in order to access and purchase up to six tickets to The Eras Tour. Instead of the smooth process that many expected, thousands dealt with painful setbacks caused by Ticketmaster’s faulty site.

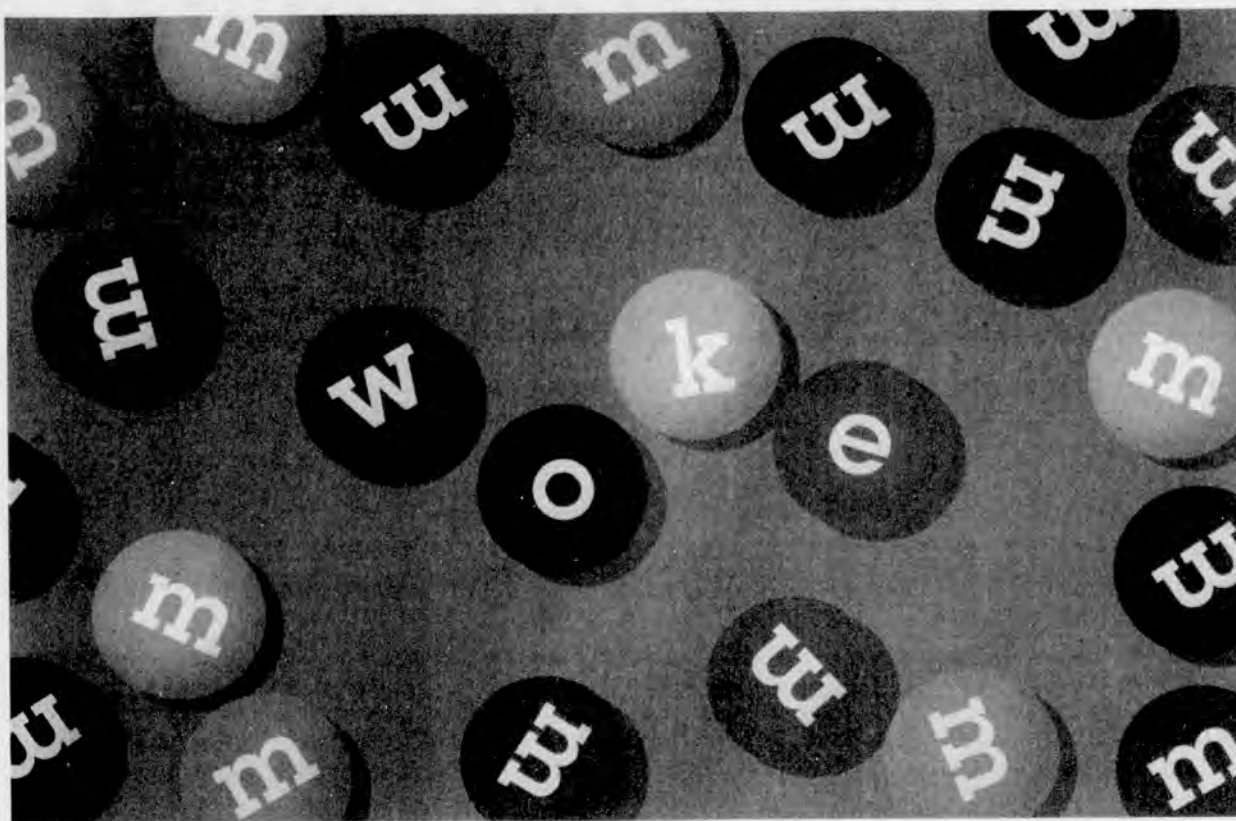
While some presale codes failed to work at all, other fans spent hours waiting in the site’s queue only to be booted out when it finally became their turn in line. In fact, the site’s failure was so treacherous, that days later Ticketmaster canceled the general sale of tickets altogether, leaving many fans and congressmen fed up with Live Nation’s tyrannical control over the entertainment industry.

On Nov. 19, U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal, Amy Klobuchar and Edward J. Markey called on the The Justice Department to open an antitrust investigation on Michael Rapino, the owner of Live Nation Entertainment. The case was brought to the senate this past week, in order to assess whether or not Ticketmaster and Live Nation are abusing their power over artists and fans belonging to the music industry.

At this time, it cannot be concluded whether or not the Justice Department plans on breaking up the two parent-companies. However, until then we might all share the guilty pleasure of listening to US senators quote the pop queen in the courtroom. As Senator Mike Lee stated, “Karma is a relaxing thought, aren’t you envious for you it’s not?”

On behalf of the millions of Swifties who will not be attending the Eras Tour in the coming months, we can only hope that Lee is right, and Ticketmaster receives its Karma by the force of the law.

## M&M’s swaps shoes and spokespersons



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When a company launches a new campaign, they aim to spark conversation. In Jan. 2022, Mars Wrigley announced that it would be making changes to its M&M’s spokespersons. The adjustments proved most obvious in the footwear of these icons. From stilettos to kitten heels, boots to sneakers, untied to tied, and laceless to laces.

They also introduced a new purple M. Mars aimed to create a stronger sense of belonging and inclusivity that better represented their consumer-ship, according to president of Mars Wrigley North America, Anton Vincent. — but What Mars and Vincent could not have accounted for was the backlash from Fox News host Tucker Carlson, among others, who condemned the brand for trying to make the spokespersons ‘woke’.

M&M’s tweeted amidst backlash that they “weren’t sure if anyone would even notice” the changes to their spokespersons throughout 2022. Tucker Carlson definitely noticed. He criticized the spokespersons for their ‘wokeness,’ claiming that when “you’re totally turned off, we’ve achieved equity.” NPR reports that he even goes

as far as to call the new purple M&M “obese.”

Carlson has entirely missed the point. The cartoon characters do not exist to have features and accessories that he deems attractive, but rather to appeal to a larger audience and foster more inclusivity. And for someone so against cancel culture, actively bullying the purple M, a fictitious character, for its shoes and weight does not seem like the best career move. And Carlson is not alone, with Kat Timpf also calling out the green M for her red flags and being “an opportunistic, evil bitch,” according to The Guardian.

The controversy has led Mars in the past week to pause M&M’s rebranding and replace the spokespersons with Maya Rudolph in the interim. In their statement, they “introduce a spokesperson America can agree on: the beloved Maya Rudolph. We are confident Ms. Rudolph will champion the power of fun to create a world where everyone feels they belong.”

Even following the statement, Fox News continues to condemn M&M’s and their alleged defeat to “Corporate

ESG policies [that] are determined to wokeify every corporation that the left hasn’t already conquered.”

How did we get here? Yes, it is important to understand that every change a brand makes comes as a result of a decision with consequences. But it is also important to be critical about whether or not these consequences are positive or negative. Mars was trying to connect with their consumers with a change as minor as the shoes on the feet of their fictitious spokespersons. Nothing negative here. Regardless, is this really something that should take up air time? There are many more pressing issues that media outlets should be concerning themselves with.

If anything, this controversy should hold up a mirror to the media. This is not to say that marketing campaigns should be left in the dust of conversation, but how and how much we talk about them needs to be reconsidered. Changes to create a sense of belonging should not be painted as a leftist takeover. More than ever, the consumer needs to be critical about the validity and intent of the information they are being fed.

## Check out the Campus Theatre

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As a second semester senior, you’d think I would have explored the whole campus by now. I have had classes in many of the buildings, lectures and seminars in others. But it took me until two weeks ago to finally check out the Campus Theatre. I am appalled that it took me so long to uncover one of Bucknell’s hidden gems.

My film class, ENFS 130, requires that I go to the Campus Theatre every Monday night of this semester for a screening of a movie which will be the topic of our discussion in class for the rest of that week. January 23 was our first Monday night meeting, where we watched Michael Mann’s “Heat.” Upon entering the theater, I tried to think back to the last time I had watched a movie on a big screen rather than my laptop or television. It had been so long that I couldn’t even pinpoint a date. I walked in and asked where to go. The concessions workers laughed and pointed in both directions.

Established in 1941, the theater itself consists only of a single screen. Any door led to the same big room.

The movie itself was spectacular, but I think the theater experience definitely contributed to it. The big screen made it easier to pick up on intricate details that provided context or hinted to a character’s personality or fate. And the turnout was much better than anticipated. The theater has enough seating for a capacity of 340 people. The tickets were free for both students and the public. I was surprised to see that in addition to my classmates and the students from the other ENFS 130 section, there were a good number of couples and friends from the area that came to watch. Hearing other people’s reactions to the twists and turns of the film elevated my experience.

They have a concessions area upon entrance with all the popcorn and candy you can dream of. This has its caveats. If you want to

indulge in a buttery box of popcorn, then this fact may make you reach for your jacket and drag your roommate to the theater for tonight’s screening. But if you are someone like me who cannot concentrate with the sound of someone else chewing in your ear, then this might be the only thing holding you back. My only piece of advice here is to show up closer to start time so you can choose a seat where no one is eating around you. Or else you might end up in my situation, where the moviegoer behind you is munching on popcorn and gum for the entirety of the movie, leaning forward in her seat.

Besides the chewing fiasco, I cannot recommend the Campus Theatre enough. It brings back the nostalgic memories of going to the movies as a kid, with the excitement of seeing the movie so big and so loud. It also provides a fun indoor activity for the rainy and snowy days we may have ahead of us.

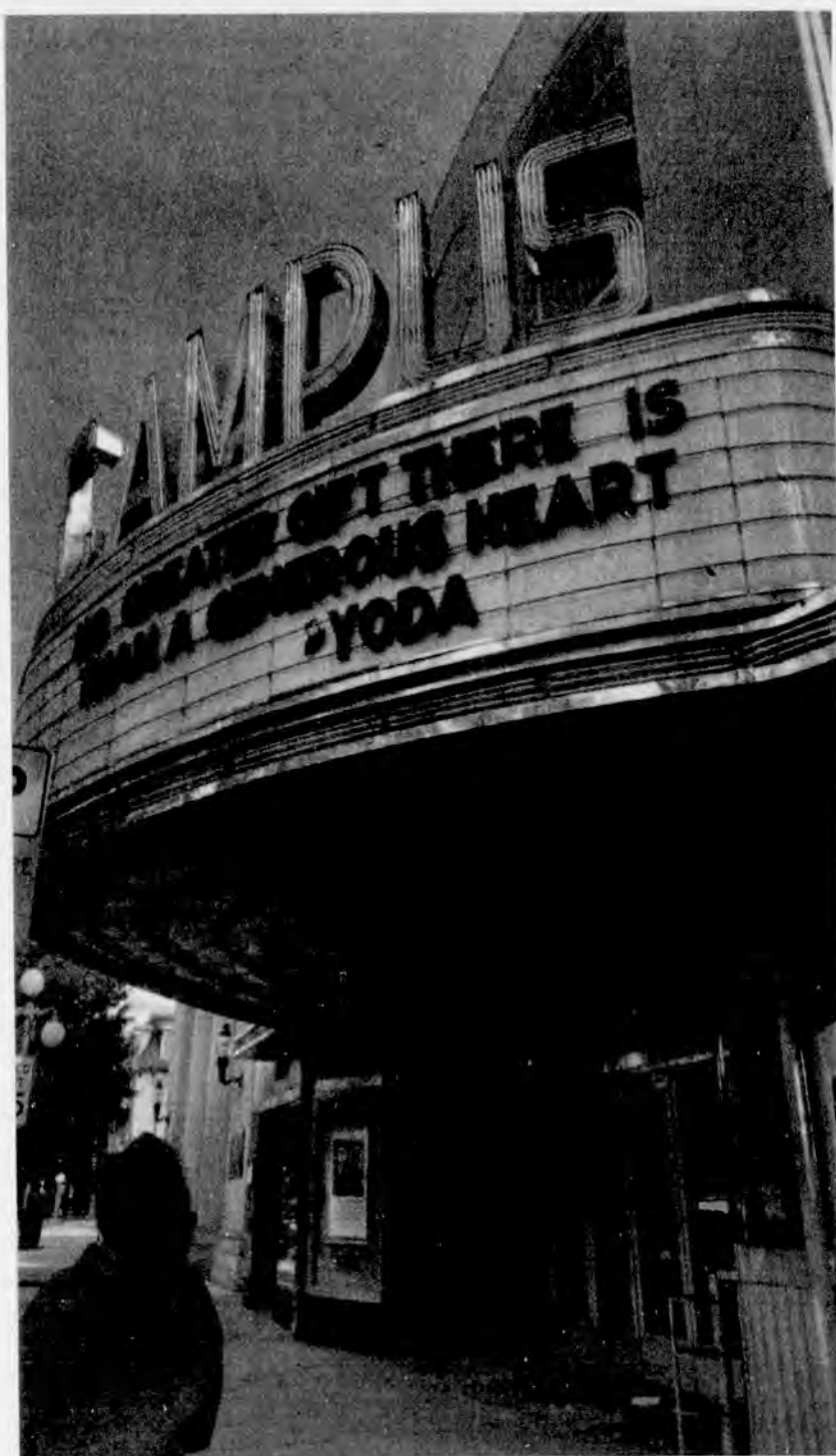


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# Sex Positive Week

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*comes back to campus*

Speak UP's annual Sex Positive Week will be returning to Bucknell from Feb. 13-17. This five-day string of events is meant to celebrate sexuality and interpersonal relationships, as well as educate attendees on various focuses, according to organizers. All events aim to build a safe and inclusive environment.

Fae Groves '24, event coordinator for Speak UP, was proud to announce that "this year, [Sex Positive Week is] offering multiple types of events for every kind of human."

"I think this week is so empowering because society has taught us that it is wrong to talk about and celebrate our sexuality and even when it is spoken about it is extremely cisnormative, heteronormative and allonormative," Kayla Howie '25, Speak UP peer, said. "Sex positivity week is a chance for Bucknell to become more knowledgeable and understanding of the importance of talking about sexuality."

Speak UP will be collaborating with the Women's Resource Center to host a documentary showing in the ELC Gallery Theatre at 6 p.m. on Feb. 13. The documentary "Naughty Books" (2020) follows the success stories of three different female-identifying erotica authors, a genre that boomed in the wake of the novel Fifty Shades of Grey.

"I think it's important to shine a spotlight on women who are taking control of their sexuality and writing their own erotica novels rather than being sexualized by men," Howie said.

Speak UP will then collaborate with LGBTQ+ Resource Center on Feb. 14 to host a book club. Attendees will be discussing "Ace: What Asexuality

Reveals about Desire, Society, and the Meaning of Sex" by Angela Chen. Chen utilizes her position as a journalist to dig into some of the conversations and misconceptions surrounding asexuality, and how this identity fits into the LGBTQ+ community and society as a whole. The discussion will take place in the ELC Arches Lounge from 7-8:30 p.m..

The "I <3 the Female Orgasm" presentation returns on Wednesday Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in the ELC Forum. This event, despite its specific focus, welcomes all attendees regardless of gender. Hosted by popular sex educators, this event serves as a place for education and discussion on sexuality and pleasure.

"I found the I <3 the Female Orgasm talk to be a refreshing and engaging platform to talk about the taboos and lack of education surrounding sex, sex toys, the orgasm gap, etc.," Hannah Jensen '24, an attendee of last year's event, said. "Although not revolutionary, and a touch performative, I appreciated the speakers' thoughtful encouragement of audience feedback and participation. I recommend the talk to encourage candid conversations about the harsh reality of hookup culture and intimacy on campus... and you could also win prizes!"

Speak UP will be collaborating with the Gender & Sexuality Alliance to welcome drag queen Trixy Valentine on Thursday at 6 p.m. in the ELC Gallery Theatre. Valentine will be providing a queer-inclusive local sex education presentation, as well as a brief drag performance.

"I think it's really important for sex education to happen on campus, because it often seems like something made out to be

negative by higher administration," AP Howell '24, Gender & Sexuality Alliance president, said. "By bringing in Trixy, it's like supporting a small business, because she's one of the only local registered queer sex educators that also does so in drag. As a club, we aim to bring in empowering queer experiences such as drag, so it's great to have Trixy."

A performance of The Vagina Monologues will take place on Feb. 17 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Trout Auditorium. Friday's event is in collaboration with multiple groups: the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, & Gender, the Office of Interpersonal Violence Prevention & Advocacy and the Women's Resource Center.

"The Vagina Monologues is a revolutionary piece of literature that is comprised of the stories of hundreds of people with vaginas," Groves, who is also a member of the cast, said. "Playwright and activist V addresses a variety of topics that are specific to people with vaginas, including violence, self-exploration, and perseverance. Members of Bucknell's student body, faculty, and staff will tell the stories of those who have persevered before us and embrace what it means to be a person with a vagina."

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 dollars for staff, faculty and other members of the community through the Campus Box Office.

All proceeds for this event will go to Transitions of PA, Lewisburg's interpersonal violence agency. Transitions of PA looks to provide advocacy, empowerment and education to victims, survivors, families and communities to end patterns of violence and abuse.





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## Confusion lingers over students' understanding of the Board of Trustees

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### Student perceptions

"We're actually an incredibly transparent organization," O'Brien said. "We're now listed on the Bucknell website, and how we conduct ourselves and how we operate is also transparent."

According to the description of the Board on Bucknell's website, "Bucknell's Board of Trustees guides the strategic direction of the University. These alumni, parents and friends share their leadership expertise for a stronger Bucknell."

The vagueness of the description matches the ambiguity found in student responses.

When asked what they think the role of the Board of Trustees is at Bucknell, most students gave unclear answers — understanding it broadly as the body that handles operational decisions and manages the funding of the institution. Given the recent extension of President John Bravman's contract, some students also correctly identified the Board as the body that oversees Bucknell's administration.

Through its committees, the Board provides its oversight of the university. These committees are associated with various portions of campus, such as the Student Life Committee and the Finance Committee. They conduct their own findings of campus and report it back to the full Board.

"We don't create the plan... but we ultimately approve of it," O'Brien said. "Our real goal on a regular basis is to challenge John [Bravman] about the operation of the university to ensure that John [Bravman] is meeting the standards of the strategic plan that we have approved."

Some students also said they believe Trustees are in charge of making hiring and firing decisions for the university, which is not entirely true.

The Board is in charge of approving employee hires for the business side of campus, but O'Brien said students should distinguish that from hiring faculty. Trustees are

not involved in the hiring process for faculty, and are not involved in the academic side of campus.

Where the Board does get involved in academic affairs is when professors are qualified for tenure. O'Brien said that faculty members nominate their peers for tenure, Bravman will discuss the tenure of that faculty member with the Trustees and then the Board will make the final decision to approve or disapprove.

"I don't know that we've ever not approved the tenure, in fact I doubt we ever have," he said.

According to the Bucknellian's survey, roughly 86 percent of students are unfamiliar with the membership of the Board of Trustees. Many students anonymously said that the Board is made up of large donors to the university, with a few noting their belief that Trustees make a profit from their participation.

The Board of Trustees currently has 40 members, each limited to

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## Return of "The Vagina Monologues" raises controversy, cast says it empowers campus

"The Vagina Monologues," an episodic play written by V, formerly Eve Ensler, will be performed by Bucknell students, faculty and staff on Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Trout Auditorium.

Written in 1994, the play explores consensual and nonconsensual sexual experiences, female identity, genital mutilation, sex and power, vaginal reproduction and body image. The play draws its stories from interviews with over 200 women of varying ethnicities, sexualities and races.

The play follows the content of the original interviews — many monologues are spoken verbatim, and any edits to the stories by V were approved by the storytellers.

In an interview on the original Vagina Monologues website, V wrote she was "drawn to vaginas because of my own personal history, because of sexuality, because women's empowerment is deeply connected to their sexuality."

The interviews began as a way to celebrate vaginas, but quickly became a broader act of protest before morphing into a social movement.

On Valentine's Day, 1998, V-Day was born, a grassroots organization with the goal of ending gender-based violence. V-Day believes that art can catalyze social change, and thus the Monologues have long been a cornerstone of the movement.

Performed at college campuses across the United States and on dozens of international stages, Bucknell's cast are just one piece of a much larger movement which "envision[s] 'The Vagina Monologues' as more than a provocative work of art; it [is] a mechanism for moving people to act to end violence," according to the V-Day website.

"My experience with Vagina Monologues has been so fulfilling," Rhiannon Wimer '25, a student performer, said. "It's important for [the Monologues] to be shown because hearing stories about women and vaginas from their perspective breaks taboos and stigmas around them. The funny stories, the painful stories, and the victim-survivor stories all help combat objectification of our bodies at a time when certain powers that be seek to challenge women's autonomy because we define our own experiences."

While not many students may recognize the title, the play has a long history both on Bucknell's campus and internationally. Bucknell used to stage the play annually, beginning in 2001. The play was carried on from year to year with a binder of wisdom and tricks of the trade, but through time its momentum was lost when the production ceased reproduction in 2017.

"The Vagina Monologues is a rallying cry to protect gender, sexual, and reproductive autonomy, written in a moment when that autonomy was at risk" Chase Gregory, Assistant Professor of English specializing in sexuality studies, said. "Right now, these rights aren't just at risk; people with power have already successfully taken them away. So staging this production isn't just appropriate, it's intensely necessary."

Bucknell's 2023 performance of "The Vagina Monologues" is a revival of a long-established mechanism for raising awareness of gender-based violence, but the promotion of the performance has not been without controversy. The cast released a written statement on Feb. 5, citing concerns of discrimination within the campus community and administrative response to marketing materials.

The statement cites a complaint made by a "conservative university group" regarding the call for auditions, a poster which featured a "slightly peeled peach." It also references the selling of vagina-shaped chocolate pops — a Vagina Monologues tradition internationally — as a lead-up fundraiser to the event. "Staff were informed that they would not be permitted to sell vulva-shaped chocolate-pops as 'university entities' to raise money for a local victim services center, whose services university students use, at or before the event," the statement reads.

Administration reportedly informed staff coordinators that a student group must facilitate the sale and distribution of the pops, as university entities were not permitted, despite no administrative indication of what university policy would be violated in their involvement.

The document follows with the statement, "Bucknell's decision

to suppress and censor the use of vaginal imagery in university programming is a sexist policy, and a prime example of structural sexism."

The cast communication goes on to call for open visibility regarding vaginal imagery and an end to censorship, holding that these policies "perpetuate inequity towards students who are already exposed to harm."

"The censorship of suggestive vaginal imagery on posters for a play literally titled The Vagina Monologues would be hilarious, if it weren't also so sinister," Gregory said. "This is virulent sexism, hiding behind prudish discomfort and false civility. It's a savvy formula, and it works particularly well on a campus that values the psychological comfort of those in power over the material well-being of those without power."

"The Vagina Monologues" has been performed as a fundraiser for vulnerable groups since its inception. In keeping with the intention of the performance to enact social change, the cast has chosen to donate all proceeds from ticket sales and fundraisers to Transitions, a Lewisburg-based domestic violence prevention and crisis center. Transitions serves survivors of domestic abuse across Union County, including Bucknell students.

According to V, when asked about their vaginas, women poured out their stories because "no one's ever given them the opportunity to talk. Any time we open the door to a place where we have a lot of feelings or thoughts or stories, we react enthusiastically. The story of your vagina is the story of your life, and women want to talk about their lives."

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Print Managing Editor

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# breaking the bubble

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## DOMESTIC

Last Sunday the 65th Grammy Awards yielded many well-deserved winners. Beyoncé won best dance/electronic music album for "Renaissance," breaking the record for the most Grammy wins in history. She was also nominated for album of the year, but this award was given to Harry Styles for "Harry's House." Bonnie Raitt was awarded song of the year for her blues-rock composition of "Just Like That," which beat out artists including Taylor Swift, Kendrick Lamar and Adele. Lizzo won record of the year for "About Damn Time," and best new artist was awarded to traditional jazz singer Samara Joy who also won best jazz vocal album for "Linger Awhile."

President Joe Biden's State of the Union Address took place last Tuesday, and his choice of words to "finish the job" alluded to his high likelihood of running for reelection in 2024. At 80 years old, Biden would be the oldest president to run for reelection. In his speech he called on Congress to fulfill a few new policy initiatives, like ending "junk fees" in travel, entertainment and credit cards. He enraged House Republicans by stating that "some Republicans want Medicare and Social Security to sunset every five years," which led to heckling from the right for the rest of the speech. Biden only briefly spoke on China regarding the economy. On the subject of Ukraine, Biden described what the United States has done to aid them and stated, "We will stand with you as long as it takes." At the end of his speech Biden received bipartisan standing applause.

## INTERNATIONAL

The Swedish government announced a plan last Tuesday that intends to discourage migrants from coming to the country. Migration minister Maria Malmar Stenegard stated in a news conference that an international information campaign aimed at foreign authorities will be launched to make it so "fewer people will come" to Sweden. She said, "If [migrants] receive information on which rules apply here, we'll reduce the risk of suffering for these people and can focus on those who actually need protection to a greater extent." Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson added that, "Immigration to Sweden has been unsustainable," and that there is a current paradigm shift in the country's migration policy that could also include stricter rules to gaining citizenship. Each year since 2018 Sweden has admitted more than 5,000 migrants. The plan aims to lower this number to 900 this year.

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Turkey and Syria has killed over 11,000 people and displaced 300,000 Syrians as of last Wednesday. The disaster is compounded by the already prevalent humanitarian crisis occurring in northwest Syria, where 4 million rely on humanitarian aid, and freezing weather conditions that are complicating rescue efforts. To help provide emergency services to families in Turkey and Syria, consider donating to the International Rescue Committee.

China's high-altitude surveillance balloon that was shot down last Saturday was recovered by the U.S. Navy off the coast of Myrtle Beach, S.C. The Pentagon has stated that the balloon is about 200-feet tall and divers are still looking for other parts of the balloon which include the sensor/photography equipment, estimated to be the size of three buses, that have sunk 45 feet to the bottom of the ocean. Officials said the team is searching within a debris field that is the size of approximately "15 football fields by 15 football fields." A small portion of the sunken debris has been found and is being analyzed at the FBI lab in Quantico, Va. Another official stated that the balloon had self-destruct explosives but have not been found yet. Last Monday, White House Security Council spokesman John Kirby stated that there was no plan to return the balloon or its equipment back to China. Beijing's Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Mao Ning responded, "What I can say is that this airship does not belong to the United States, but to China. The Chinese government will continue to resolutely safeguard its legitimate and legitimate rights and interests."

## Construction begins on new Bucknell West housing



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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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15 years of service, or a total of three five-year terms. According to Costa and O'Brien, the Board looks very different than it did about 20-30 years ago. About half of the Board members are women and about one-third of the Board are "qualified by higher ed standards as diverse," O'Brien said.

"We always say time, talent, treasure, that's what we're looking for from the people that join the board," O'Brien said.

While there is an expectation that Trustees financially support the university, that is only one of multiple criteria for Board membership. Members are not paid by the Board and are not reimbursed for hotels, food or other travel expenses on their visits to Bucknell.

"We pay the University to be on the Board, as my wife constantly reminds me," O'Brien said.

Members are selected by the Nominating and Governance Committee, and are alumni, parents and sometimes people completely unaffiliated with Bucknell, if they are able to bring a needed asset to the Board.

### "That's not probably something we would do..."

Roughly 86 percent of The Bucknellian's January survey said they were unfamiliar with the role of student input to the Bucknell's Board of Trustees. Costa said students are regularly brought into committee meetings to share their experiences with the Trustees, but she clarified that there is no permanent student member of the Board.

Jahnna Treadwell '25 spoke to the Board in her first semester and didn't know what the organization did on campus until other students in her hall informed her.

"I went in very intimidated... I thought it was going to be corporate and more structured," Treadwell said. "But they were actually really kind people. They seem to be like some of them are alumni, so they have connections to Bucknell and they just want to ensure that we all have a good experience here."

But based on her experience, Treadwell said that more students need to be involved in the Board's decision making, since students are most affected by their decisions.

Bucknell Student Government President Sam Douds '25 said he is trying to advocate for a permanent student member on the Board of Trustees. He and other members of the student government have monthly meetings with Bravman to discuss a list of their top issues for students.

Douds said putting a student representative on the Board is the top issue on his agenda. His proposed student member would not have voting privileges, but would serve as an advisor for the Trustees, he said.

"I'm afraid that [a voting member is] unachievable right now and in the interest of achievable progress, I think it's important that we look at right now, we want somebody in the room where it happens"

Although he said his position is described in the Bucknell Student Government Constitution as "a liaison" between the Board and the student body, he has yet to meet any Trustees.

"If it's in the BSG constitution, it means that generations of students before us recognized it as a need, something that's really important," Douds said. "I don't know when that precedent changed, and I'd like to change it."

Douds said he's optimistic that Bravman and the Board will hear what he and other students are demanding. Board members reciprocate those feelings.

"That's not probably something we would do," O'Brien said, when asked if the Board would consider including a student representative. "It's simply because some of the level of decision making that is done by John Bravman, the debate and discussion and consent and all that stuff, is pretty confidential."

If administrators say no to a student member of the Board, Douds said it could sew distrust between its members and the student body.

"What are you hiding?" he said. "If you really don't want anybody in the room, what's the problem?"

A non-voting member from a group on campus affected by Board decisions is not a new concept. Professor Alan Cheville is the secretary of the faculty, and sits in on board meetings to mostly observe. He also provides counsel about faculty operations through presentations.

He said representing all of the students on campus could be difficult, but he believes that Bucknell Student Government could make it work.

"My personal feeling is that I think that students need to be involved in all aspects of decisions of the institution," Cheville said. He added that he conducts research on this topic and is "very involved and very interested," in the idea.

In a February emailed response from O'Brien, he referenced a number of ways the Board communicates with students.

"Nonetheless, the Trustees believe that a regular dialogue with the student body will only serve to improve the Board's understanding of the student experience at Bucknell and we will be discussing at our next meeting the opportunity to enhance student participation at Board meetings," he said.

### Past attempts for representation

Douds is not the first person on campus to advocate for a permanent student representative to join the Board of Trustees. Christian Melgar '23 said having a student on the Board has been a consistent topic of conversation during his various positions with student government.

"We asked Bravman directly and his answer was just a flat out no, with no real reason behind it," Melgar said, in an emailed response. "This is disheartening, given how much power and pull they have on making decisions for students. Yet, they do so without them."

Griffin Perrault '22, an alumni and former editor in chief of The Bucknellian, said that he worked with a group of students that tried to accomplish the same thing.

His pitch for a student member was to have a permanent student-held seat, subject to two-year terms, that would have full voting power among the Trustees, unlike Douds' proposal.

"Altogether I see it as a pretty modest proposal to increase student participation in the community, improve transparency and incorporate student concerns into higher-level moves by university officials," Perrault said. "BSG, while valuable in many respects, can't really lay title to this function since it lacks institutional power over any administrators or other decision-makers."

University officials responded minimally, Perrault said, but were mostly upset that he and his peers reached out to Trustees directly. Bravman met with the students, which Perrault said he was grateful for, but after that meeting they never heard back from him.

Bravman said he was concerned about the potential lack of life experience of the student member and the length of meetings involved in the role of a trustee member, according to Perrault.

"Whatever the university wants to say about student trustees, they are common," Perrault said. "A number of universities — private and public, big and small, liberal arts and research — have set up these positions and generally provided glowing reviews for them years down the line. Students are regarded at these schools as valuable voices, arful contributors, and quick learners. No testimony of a school in my research ever came to regret instituting the position. So what is Bucknell so afraid of?"

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## Job & Internships Fair offers students opportunity to connect with employers



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Nothing is more overwhelming to college students than pondering their future after four years of immense fun and unforgettable memories.

For many, the word 'job' comes to mind. And while the trials and tribulations of pursuing work experience in any type of field are undoubtedly real, employees at the Center for Career Advancement at Bucknell say they are here to assist students' needs and worries.

One exciting project the CCA regularly holds is a Job & Internship Fair, this past one being held on Feb. 7 in Gerhard Fieldhouse.

Alison Ordonez, the Director of Employer Relations & Engagement for the CCA, played an integral role in the planning process of the fair—a process that she said took time, effort and a lot of due diligence.

"Career fair planning is an entire office wide effort, even more so a campus wide effort," Ordonez said.

The CCA worked very closely with campus partners such as Events Management, Dining Services, Facilities, Print, Publication & Mail (PPM), Athletics and Public Safety, in addition to the three colleges to ensure this event could run smoothly.

The planning of the Job & Internship Fair took place nearly nine months ago, as "we take into consideration other campus wide events, holidays, industry hiring timelines and the academic calendar," Ordonez said.

For this particular fair, weather posed the biggest potential challenge since it is held early in the spring semester.

"We always build in a 'snow date' in case we need to postpone due to inclement weather, but the weather looks like it will cooperate

this year. We have only had to use the 'snow date' on one occasion in the past," Ordonez said.

From Teach to America to CitiBank to Pennsylvania State Auditor to U.S. Army Healthcare Recruiting, there were certainly a wide variety of job and internship choices to choose from. More information about the jobs can be found by reaching out to the CCA for a spreadsheet that includes each attendee.

The floorplan was laid out with each career opportunity getting a table, as seen in this map of the tables.

The CCA has moved away from the long standing trend of only hosting 1-2 large scale fairs per semester encompassing all majors and classes to offering several smaller industry focused events throughout the year. These on and off campus and virtual events will be offered in alignment with industry specific hiring timelines throughout the academic year and will partner with the CCA to offer additional industry focused programming for students.

There have been many ways the CCA has advertised this event around and outside of campus including the use of emails and social media, specifically Instagram takeovers with an alum or employer, such as Caldwell Harden '19 with AlphaSights and a CCA student intern Rute Pires '25.

Additionally, the CCA wrote weekly student newsletters from the Engineering College and Freeman College of Management, while relying on faculty and staff relationships and word of mouth.

There are additional ways to learn about job experience within Bucknell for students that do not want to attend the job fair. By using Handshake, students can be looking at industry specific as well as

general recruiting websites for job and internship opportunities.

"Companies hire in different ways and at different times of year, with some in the early fall and others in the late spring, depending on their industries," Ordonez said. "Some companies are highly engaged with college campuses and come on campus while others only post on their company website."

All of these intricacies in the job and internship search can at times be overwhelming, so the CCA encourages students to join the Industry Career Communities, attend CCA programming, enroll in the UNIV 175 Career Course and utilize the coaching appointments with CCA interns and staff, which can be done through Handshake.

Additionally, staying informed from the CCA through emails or social media (follow @BucknellCareer on Instagram) and making an activated Handshake account is crucial.

In an activated Handshake account, students can "update career interests and join a career community, explore career paths and search for opportunities relevant to your interests, follow companies and get automatic emails if they post an opportunity or host an event and sign up for events and career fairs," Ordonez said.

In addition to Bucknell specific events, there are also hundreds of virtual events hosted by companies that you have an interest in or on a topic you want to learn more about. If in doubt, connect with the Center for Career Advancement, as they are there to help.

"We want to make sure that students know how, when and where to search for opportunities based upon their individual career interests and goals in order to be successful," Ordonez said.

## Open Discourse Coalition appoints 2020 election denier to fellowship

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Editor-in-Chief

A local freedom of speech non-profit has announced that a former member of Congress will fill an advisory position within the organization.

The Open Discourse Coalition has named former U.S. Rep. Fred Keller, a Republican from Pennsylvania who voted to overturn the certification of the state's electoral college votes in 2020, as its public policy fellow.

"What I'm bringing to this is the experience of somebody who worked in the private sector, somebody that was in Harrisburg, and the General Assembly and somebody that served in Congress," Keller said to The Bucknellian. "I'm excited to be able to be part of helping lineup topics, and individuals to come in and have the dialogue and really discuss the issues that are before us."

Keller was elected to represent Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District in a special election in 2019 and was reelected in 2020. After redistricting split his district in 2022, Keller did not seek reelection. Keller was one of 147 Republicans that voted to reject the 2020 presidential election results.

"I'm gonna focus on making sure that we have dialogue that brings all the perspectives to the table, and it's civil. And that's who I am," Keller said, responding to a question about student and faculty perceptions of his 2020 election vote.

"So I would say that we should look at the fact that here's an organization that wants to present all sides of an issue," he continued. "And have good dialogue, and try to understand the issue from other people's perspectives."

The Open Discourse Coalition is formally unaffiliated with Bucknell University, but according to their website, the group "...supports people and organizations in the Bucknell community who share our values."

Also, a number of members on their advisory board are alumni and donors to the university.

When asked if hiring Keller means that the Open Discourse Coalition supports the false election denier theories, Executive Director Dawn Toguchi said the organization does not take positions on "political beliefs, personal beliefs or economic beliefs."

"Whether it's members of Congress or your classmates, there's still a lot of disagreement in our country, around that," Toguchi said. "Our position is that open discourse is best and that more viewpoints are better than less."

The organization also announced that state Rep. Jared Solomon, a Democrat from Philadelphia County, will take over as its Bipartisan Fellow.

Solomon will speak in a panel discussion about bipartisan reform on March 23 called "Progress over Party." Attempts to speak with Solomon for comment were unsuccessful.

Jack Strauss '24, secretary for the Bucknell Conservative Club, said that the club supports both appointments made by the Open Discourse Coalition.

"Our support comes as both representatives have done great work for Pennsylvania and are highly qualified for their new positions," Strauss said, in an emailed statement. "Representative Keller's views and position on the 2020 election results do not affect the conservative clubs' support in his posting as a new fellow."

Representative Keller is extremely qualified to be the Public Policy fellow at the ODC, as while he was in office, he was a part of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, the House Education and Labor Committee, and the House Energy Action Team.

A representative for the Bucknell University Democratic Socialists could not be reached for comment in time for publication.

## Students work to design affordable prosthetics for dog

**Juliana Collins**  
Staff Writer

Three Bucknell engineering students have taken on the research of creating a prosthetic leg for a golden retriever dog named Doug.

These students are biomedical engineering seniors Emma O'Shea '23, Grace Adams '23 and senior mechanical engineer Will Carcieri '23. All three students are members of the university's prosthetics club, which 3D prints upper-limb prosthetics for local clients.

When the students first met Doug, they watched how he ran and took some measurements so they could begin building and constructing the prosthetic.

This research began when Mary Ann Stanton '89, Director of Development, Strategic Philanthropy Programs, Education & CFR, decided to take Doug into her home when his former family could no longer provide the full care he needed. Doug's veterinarian eventually recommended the idea of a prosthetic because he has an increased chance of developing severe arthritis without one.

The three students have conducted in-depth research the past two semesters on Doug's needs and animal prosthetics. This included building prototypes and models as well as using the 3D printer.

Carcieri explained that their second step of the research was to see if they could find any similarities between existing solutions and Doug's situation.

During their research, the group found a few existing prosthetics that seemed to be similar to Doug's needs and decided to design their prosthetics based on what they found. Once the students completed their prototypes, they brought them to Doug for him to try on.

"The best part so far has just been working with Doug," Carcieri said. "He is full of energy and so happy despite the challenges he faces without a limb. It is very rewarding to know this prosthetic will help improve his happiness in the long run."

The students found that one of the challenges with prosthetics is that they can be expensive and inaccessible to many people. O'Shea explained that their group found that animals do not typically adjust well to prosthetics because they are able to adapt without them and we cannot communicate to tell them why they are important.

"If we can make something low-cost and comfortable, this could provide an opportunity for dog owners to have a less expensive option, especially if the dog won't like the prosthetic either way," O'Shea said. "This can also continue into a great learning opportunity for other Bucknell engineering students."



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## Polar Plunge makes splash in Lewisburg



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**Maximus Bean**  
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Students and Lewisburg residents alike gathered at St. George Street Landing to submerge themselves into the icy cold Susquehanna on Feb. 4.

The Polar Plunge is an enduring annual tradition serving as the climax and capstone to The Heart of Lewisburg Ice Festival. The festival, which began in 2004 to support local businesses, kicked off on Friday with ice sculptures of film cameras, crosses and penguins popping up in front of the various storefronts.

There was also a small festival held in Hufnagle park, where local organizations such as the Children's Museum and River Valley Nature School had tents to advertise to the many families present to look at the newly made ice sculptures which had been made that morning.

The streets were busy, and alongside the influx of families present, there were salesmen who had erected tents in order to sell all sorts of novelties. A few stands sold hot chocolate, while others sold products like kettle corn and early Valentine's Day gifts.

At 2 p.m., The Polar Bear Plunge parade began. A great mass of people proceeded from the corner of Market and Front Streets over to the river's entrance. Among the participants

of the parade were two mascots, a blue-and yellow-colored bird, and a strange-looking donkey. The donkey had the words "DOWN WINTER BLOWS FREE EASTER" written on the sides. The large bluebird float represented the Bluebird Atelier, a creative learning studio that offers art classes at 217 Market Street. Ellison Strosser, an artist and teacher at Bluebird, constructed the float.

"It's a fantastic event, a challenge, and a great way to get out of our comfort zone," Morgan Thomas '23 said. "It's fun to share this experience with the rest of Central PA as well as other BU students."

Another person in the parade was by far the most memorable for many. A man in a fur coat, coonskin cap, striped-and-polka-dot pants and a painted mustache on his face armed with a squeeze horn, cowbell and a kazoo led the donkey down the road, shouting and playing his instruments as he did so.

This strangely-dressed man was Ben Steeler, a clown who was asked by the Plunge's Organizer, Taylor Lightman, to help participate in the plunge. He also talked about the donkey, saying that "it's the Midwinter Donkey, something for people to celebrate."

It was meant as a symbol to get people through the slog of the winter season. The parade, Steeler said, was meant to grow over the years, and

he was one of the people Lightman enlisted to aid in that endeavor.

Another standout at the plunge was Kendy Alvarez, the mayor of Lewisburg. She wore a leopard-print bodysuit and handled a golden toilet plunger.

"[The Polar Plunge] is a wonderful fundraiser, and a great opportunity for people to be engaged downtown," Alvarez said.

At the time of the plunge, Ice chunks were still visible and moving from the river's entrance. The temperature was around 30 degrees Fahrenheit, so there was no question of the "polar" hidden in the name of the event.

Heating lamps dotted the streets as the crowd prepared for their go-ahead. Some had already begun undressing, and stood in the cold with nothing but a pair of shorts. Finally, at 2:30 the first wave went. Some had swimsuits on, while others like the rugby team wore their uniforms as they jumped in. Cheers erupted from the crowds as the participants ran in.

When asked about his experience with the plunge, Ryaan Hatoum '23 said that at first it was "cold and nippy, but your body adjusts, and your metabolism goes up."

Some waded in, while others dove, but by the end of the event nearly a half-hour later, the entire group was shivering.



# Bucknell auctions off Mod number placards to nostalgic alumni

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Bucknell University tore down the 'Mods,' the Bucknell West residence complex, this winter after having withstanding the test of time for 50 years.

As the campus looks to the future and the construction of four new Bucknell West residence halls, a couple of alumni are continuing to celebrate and honor the unforgettable experiences generations have made across Route 15.

The Mods had been a central part to many current and past Bucknell students, and months ago, when the news that they were being demolished, interest sparked creativity on how to properly salvage every last memento.

"There seems to be a sense of nostalgia for the mods and why they were created for temporary housing, so we had, anecdotally, alumni reach out to campus directors with excitement for this idea," Amy Baker, director of annual fund outreach & participation at Bucknell University, said.

From then on, a committee was formed cross-campus, including the Communications Department and Housing & University Advancement with the sole purpose of creating something to highlight what the Mods meant to alumni. Baker and others ran an engagement campaign that allowed alumni to send in photos and tell stories through communications.

"We were focused on how we could give the alumni a 'piece' of the mods, and in addition, help to say farewell to the Mods," Baker said.

And while it is evident the purpose of auctioning off the Mod numbers to alumni were to alleviate the wistfulness of the past, it became clear that the money raised through this action could be utilized for student well-being purposes.

Each building had at least a couple placards of the same number, and with the generous assistance of facilities, the committee was able to obtain all the numbers before demolition occurred.

Bucknell didn't acquire necessary auction technology and resources to make the process easier, so they made use of

philanthropy. In an effort to do that, they came up with the idea of a seal-bid auction. A mass email was sent out to alumni from 1972-2022 which gave them the opportunity to put in their best bid early via Google Form. After taking all of the results, the committee had 284 people make a bid, with the bidding money being anywhere from \$50-\$2,400.

Building number placards from the Mods were made available to alumni through an online auction Jan. 18 to Jan. 25. More than \$21,000 was raised for Bucknell's Student Wellbeing Initiatives fund, supporting projects that focus on enhancing the well-being of students including resources, activities and events that promote mental health and healthy living across all dimensions of wellness.

"Leading up to the auction, there was an entire engagement campaign where alumni and students could send in mosaics and collages and relieve a sticker," Baker said. "There were many ways to participate and, in the end, we were surprised by the influx of engagement there was."

And while the committee was integral in the success of the project, other notable laureates include Amy Badal, Dean of Students, the Gift Process and Managing Team were helpful in process the processing the gifts on the giving form, Robin Adams, Director, Marketing & Digital Engagement who helped spread the word via social media, facilities for behind the scene work and many more people and groups.

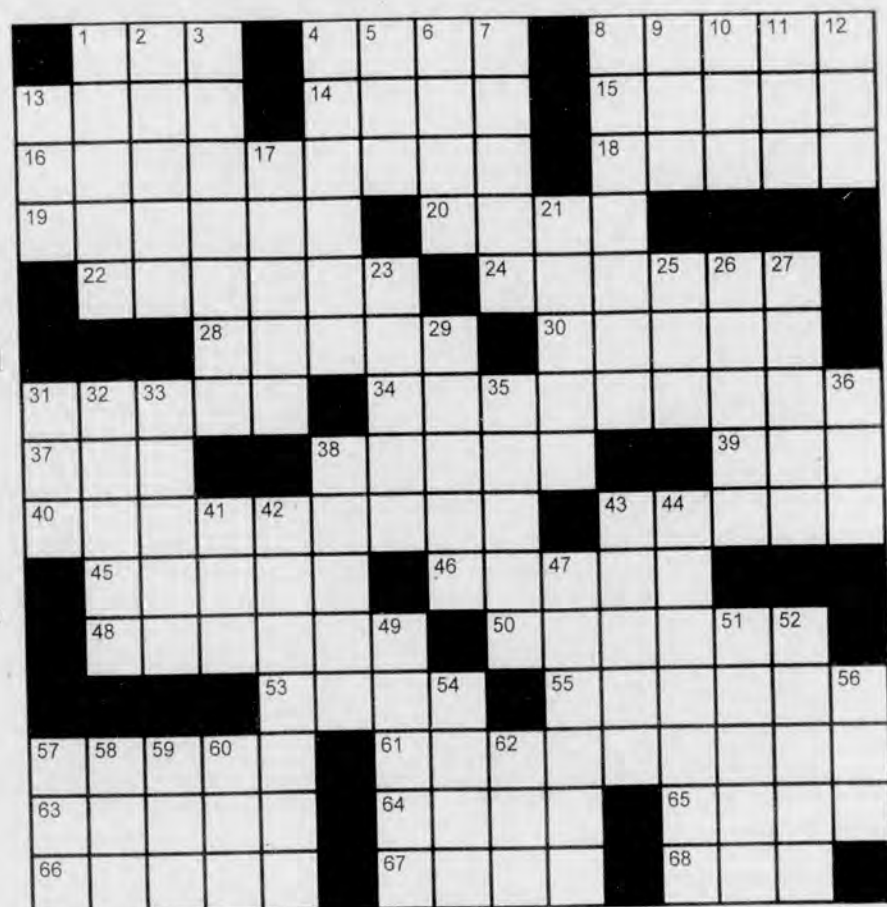
"We all pulled all the groups together to find out how we could make this happen and make it fair," Baker said.

Currently, the committee is sorting out the checks mailed in by the winners, and on Monday, the numbers will be mailed out to them. From there, because it is a charitable gift to the Student Wellbeing Fund, Dean Badal created a thank-you video which will additionally be sent to all the alumni participating in this project.

"This whole idea was to create nostalgia, excitement, and engagement with the alumni, and to benefit the students," Baker said. "So it was a benefit to the alumni and they were able to support what students were doing on the campus today as well."

## Across

- 1 Deli request
- 4 Shell game
- 8 Itinerary
- 13 Lip balm ingredient
- 14 Hamster's home
- 15 Garbage
- 16 Real estate mogul
- 18 Tempest
- 19 More abstruse
- 20 Monopoly equipment
- 22 Soak
- 24 Feudal lords
- 28 Aromatic solvent
- 30 Musical composition
- 31 \_\_\_\_ profundo
- 34 Courier
- 37 European peak
- 38 Wins
- 39 Cousin of an ostrich
- 40 Gulf of Mexico feeder
- 43 Central position
- 45 Passport endorsements
- 46 Land on the Red Sea
- 48 Tickled pink
- 50 Idler
- 53 Family group
- 55 Taking the place (of)
- 57 \_\_\_\_ of Forth
- 61 Chose a team
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- 64 Spew
- 65 Surrender
- 66 Beguile
- 67 Declare untrue



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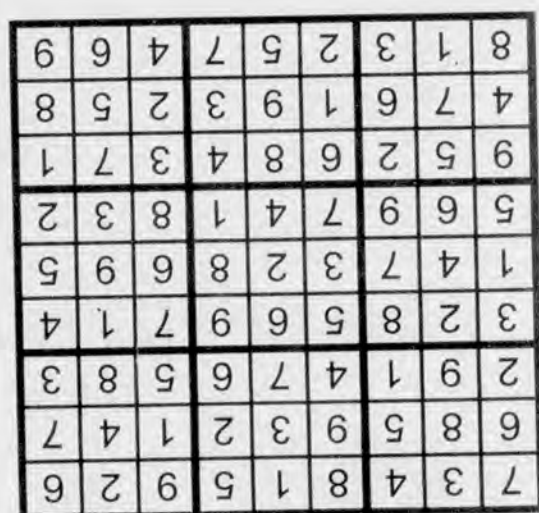
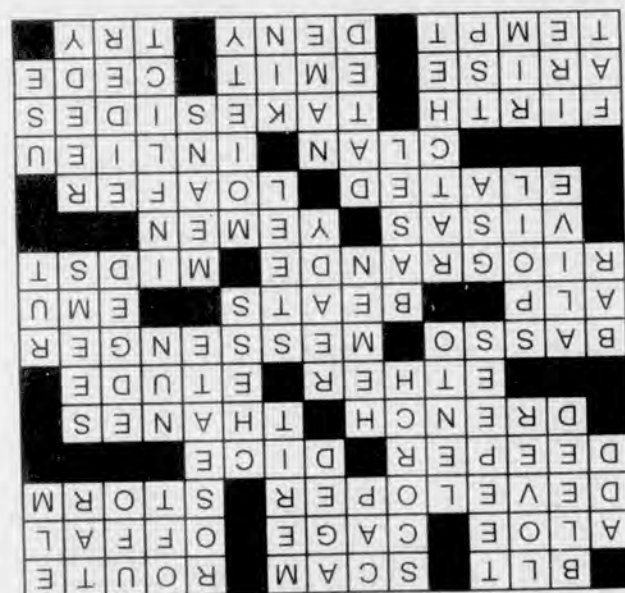
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- 2 Romeo, for one
- 3 Collapsible shelters (Var.)
- 4 Burn
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- 6 Got gray
- 7 Kind of raise
- 8 Dusty purplish pink color
- 9 Frequently, in poetry
- 10 ET's ride
- 11 La Brea goo

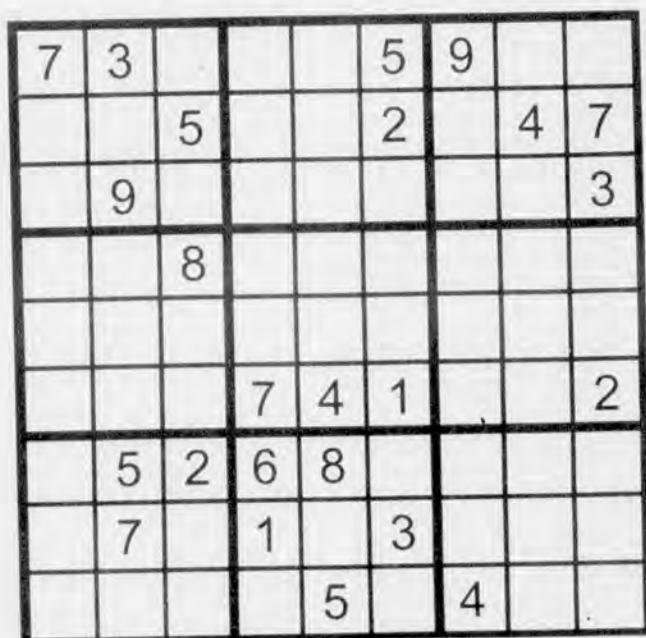
- 12 "Slippery" tree
- 13 Contribute
- 17 Slowly, on a score
- 21 Kind of board
- 23 Macho guys
- 25 Wimple wearer
- 26 Abutted
- 27 Looks like
- 29 Primed
- 31 Place for a screwdriver
- 32 Still in the game
- 33 Turn sour
- 35 Symbol of strength
- 36 Furrow
- 38 Swiss city on the Rhine

- 41 Fed. property manager
- 42 Mechanical device
- 43 Wherewithal
- 44 Impose, as pain
- 47 Tribal social group
- 49 Passé
- 51 Pillow stuffing
- 52 High-pitched
- 54 Christen
- 56 Don't waste
- 57 Portly plus
- 58 Boiling blood
- 59 Canyon feature
- 60 Recipe amt.
- 62 Relations

# Solutions



To solve the Sudoku puzzle, each row, column and box must contain the numbers 1 to 9.



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# Everything goes wrong during “The One-Act Play That Went Horribly Wrong”

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Satire Co-Editor

This past weekend, Bucknell's theater department put on “The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong.”

The play was a murder mystery about the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society, an acting group that performed a play called The Muder at Haversham Manor. Basically, it was a play within a play, but the members of the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society are very accident prone, so everything that can go wrong during the production does go wrong; cues are missed, lines are forgotten, props don't work, etc... but of course, that's the point and hilarity ensues.

This inspired some students to write, produce and act in their own version of the play called The One Act Play That Went Horribly Wrong, which was about the Bucknell theater department staging a murder mystery called The Butchered Bison. At the start of the play someone murders Bucky the Bison, and it's up to the students in the play to find out who did it.

“I was really excited about this project,” student director Axe Sedant said. “I really liked the idea of taking someone else's idea and pretending I came up with it myself. I actually do this for school-work, and it works every time!”

However, some aspects of the original play did not play out as well in Sedant's version. In an effort to replicate the various “errors” from the original, Sedant purposefully did not allow his actors to rehearse prior to the performance.

“We needed to reach new levels of authenticity,” he said. “So I wanted them to be very underprepared for the play.”

Unfortunately, Sedant was also underprepared as a director and failed to communicate that information to his actors. A student actor named Libra DiCapricorn organized their own rehearsals – Libra played a character named Leonardo DeCapitated, one of the other characters that was murdered.

The level of preparedness was a shock to Sedant. On the show's opening night, when the actors kept hitting their cues, Sedant was in complete shock back-stage; his one-act play was going horribly wrong.

For example, Libra DiCapricorn was supposed to fall on stage during their grand entrance, so Sedant placed a banana peel where they were supposed to stand. However, DiCapricorn carefully stepped around the peel and said their first line, “Now, how doth this bison perish in bloody murder?”

In an outrage, Sedant ran after DeCapricorn, but he ended up slipping on the banana peel and falling off the stage and into the crowd. However, the audience thought that he was doing a stage dive and carefully supported him with their hands all the way to the back of the auditorium.

And that is how “The One Act Play That Went Horribly Wrong” went exactly right.

# We ran out of writers, so we used an AI

Chat GPT

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Once upon a time, there was a chicken who wanted to be famous. She dreamed of being the center of attention and making everyone laugh. One day, she heard about a talent show happening in the nearby barnyard.

The chicken was so excited and couldn't wait to audition. When it was finally her turn, she strutted up onto the stage and announced that she was going to perform a stand-up comedy routine.

Everyone in the audience was a little skeptical, as they had never seen a chicken do stand-up before. But the chicken was determined to make them laugh.

She started by telling a few-chicken jokes, like “Why did

the chicken cross the road? To get to the other side!” The audience chuckled, but the chicken knew she had to bring her A-game.

So she decided to do a bit about her daily life as a chicken. She told the audience about how she wakes up at the crack of dawn to lay eggs, and how she spends her days pecking at the ground for food. The audience was in stitches as the chicken acted out her routine with exaggerated gestures and funny voices.

Just when the chicken thought she had the audience in the palm of her wing, she heard a loud “Bawki!” from the back of the room. It was the rooster, who had been heckling her the whole time.

The chicken was about to lose it, but then she had a brilliant idea. She turned to the rooster and said, “Hey, rooster,

do you have a comedy routine of your own?”

The rooster, who was always up for a challenge, agreed to perform. But as he strutted up onto the stage, he tripped and fell, sending the entire audience into fits of laughter.

The chicken, now feeling confident, finished her routine to a standing ovation. She was declared the winner of the talent show and became the most famous chicken in the barnyard.

From that day on, she continued to make everyone laugh with her comedy routine, and the rooster learned to appreciate the art of stand-up comedy. The two of them even started performing together, and their shows were the talk of the barnyard.

And that, my friends, is how a chicken became a comedy superstar.

# The rise of Bucknell's newest frat: SPIJI

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Here at Bucknell, it's a well-known fact that Greek life dominates students' social lives; 70 percent of students here are in a sorority or fraternity, so membership in Greek organizations has become critical for anyone who wants to be allowed into a party before 11:30 p.m. With seven frats and nine sororities, members of each group are constantly bickering about who is the top dog.

Since sororities don't have houses, their disputes remain contained within Hunt Hall. This is not the case for frats. These groups' disputes pervade the whole school, stretching from the on-campus chapter houses all the way down St. Cats. Every frat wants to believe that they are the best; the two frats that are the most adamant in their narcissistic views are Fiji and Spe.

Fiji president Mick C. claims, “Spe doesn't know how to swim.” To refute this, Spe president Rummin Coak says, “Fiji is allergic to peanuts.”

Which is worse: not being able to stay afloat in water, or having to ask somebody if they've eaten any legumes within the last 24 hours before making out? Regardless, the ongoing fighting between Fiji and Spe has decreased both of their popularities, with DU rising to the top of the fraternal hierarchy in their place. Neither Fiji nor Spe would allow this! The two groups decided to end their ongoing feud to found one super-frat that would surely attract the most people.

Thus, Bucknell's newest frat, Spiji, was born! That's right, purple pillars and fishbowl have joined forces to guarantee their campus-wide domination. Their first pledge class will be initiated in Fall 2023, and those who decide to rush will have to endure hazing from both groups.

In the meantime, Fiji and Spe have abandoned their usual mixing schedule to exclusively hold mixers with one another rather

than the sororities. This is meant to foster relationships between the once-enemies turned brothers. You may be wondering, which downtown house will Spiji claim, purple pillars or fishbowl?

Fishbowl would certainly be large enough to accommodate the group's anticipated large size, except all of its risers are broken and these would be expensive to replace. Also, the blue and red paint that has stained their walls since SpeAmerica is quite the eyesore! On the other hand, Fiji has a mostly intact house, except they mysteriously have a small number of girls attending their parties there.

To solve this debate, Spiji has decided to host its parties in the Hufnagle Park Gazebo. The first mixer at the shared house was electric, to say the least.

If you're a current first-year guy scoping out potential frats for next year, make sure Spiji is on your radar!

# Here are the worst times for BeReal to go off

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Staff Writer

The popular new app BeReal prompts users to post unfiltered pictures of themselves and their surroundings. Once a day, the app notifies users to simultaneously snap a selfie and front-facing photo that gets shared with their friends. Users only have two minutes to take a photo and their number of retakes are shared with their viewers. Many users capture their BeReals on time because they don't want to be perceived as fake. While many praise the app because it forces users to be candid, some Bucknellians are finding the app is too real as it exposes them during awkward times. Read on to hear some of the worst times BeReal can go off.

## In class

Teachers generally don't like it when you take out your phone during class. They get even more upset when your BeReal accidentally captures the questions for the upcoming test. This happened to student Bert Luck '24 in Math 201 when his BeReal shared the exam questions with his friends in the later class section. When the professor asked why Bert

didn't just retake his photo, the student said he didn't want to “be fake.”

## Fire drill

Another student's BeReal got him in trouble when the app notified Roy Eyre '26 to take his pictures during a fire drill. While Roy was focusing on how his hair looked in his selfie, he failed to notice that the other photo captured Bucknellians who ran out of the shower for the drill and were standing outside in their towels. To say the least, Roy has been having trouble making friends in his first year all since then.

## In the Caf Food Line

Lee Kurt '25 took his BeReal in the caf line when he waited for meatloaf last Tuesday. Parthurst workers mistook Lee's actions for investigative journalism as they thought he was examining the contents of the meatloaf to write an article for the Bucknellian. Although Lee tried to explain himself, caf workers did not trust his motives and made him delete his BeReal app. Now, Lee has to leave his phone at the door when he enters Bostwick.

# Mini Night meltdown makes students shrink!

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Satire Co-Editor

Last Friday, the CAP Center held their first ever Mini Night, featuring a nine-hole indoor mini golf course that spread across the first floor of the ELC. This was no conventional mini golf course; in order to keep with the mini theme, everything that the students saw, touched and even tasted had to have some sort of miniature aspect to it.

Firstly, there were no standard golf clubs in sight since students were only allowed to hit their golf balls using the flimsy paper straws from Bostwick's smoothie bar. This prompted a younger demographic of participants composed of mostly first years with unlimited meal swipes.

Bucknell knows that there are only two things that will guarantee students show up to an event: free food and alcohol. Since Bucknell doesn't condone drinking and golfing, complimentary snacks were provided instead. These snacks were obviously all bite-sized to further promote the “mini-mindset.” Hole four's end was marked by a table with trays of baby carrots, and stationed next to the seventh hole was a mouthwatering display of Gerber's baby food.

The most challenging hole was the ninth and final hole. To sink this putt, students were to stand inside Brent Papson's office in the CAP Center. From there, they had to hit their ball at just the right launch angle and velocity so that it ricocheted off the printer and into an open mailbox. The ball could then only be retrieved once ordering a package, waiting for it to be shipped to Bucknell and scanning the QR code to open the corresponding locker.

Congratulations! You completed the mini course! To celebrate their achievement, these accomplished students were awarded with exclusive Seventh Street milkshakes. Although elated by their success, students who finished the course and drank their victory shakes felt a bit strange. As it turned out, these milkshakes turned the students mini!

Students shrank down until they became thinner than Bucknell's point-five ply toilet paper. Those who became condensed have quickly adapted to their new small-scale lifestyles, using their tiny figures to sneak around campus to commit nonviolent crimes on a microscopic scale.

Minn E. Mowes '24 shared with Bucknellian reporters a thrilling tale of sliding under locked classroom doors after hours to steal copies of her upcoming sociology exam.

MECO major Diffy Cue used her newly compacted physique to hide underneath a pile of frackets outside a frat party, successfully evading PSafe's breathalyzer.

Possibly the most creative student who utilized their shrinkage was computer science connoisseur Reggie Straur. Straur is now too small to activate the camera's motion sensors, and so they never recorded him hacking the registrar's computer system to award himself As in all of his classes.

Our campus is now in a state of utter turmoil. Tiny students have infested the halls, multiplying faster than the black mold in our dorms. If you step on a tiny student, please report it to PSafe immediately so they can add the casualty to the campus crime and fire safety log accordingly.



# Bucknell's Early Childhood Education Majors Student teaching at local schools

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Special Features Editor

While for many Bucknell students it is common to study abroad in the spring of their junior year, early childhood education majors must spend the semester in Lewisburg. Splitting their time during the week between Bucknell classes and a local elementary school, they hone valuable skills to prepare for their careers.

The Bucknell education program offers the opportunity to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Education. This provides students with the required classes and training to graduate with a teaching certification in grades pre-K through fourth.

## Requirements for Early Childhood Education Majors

The early childhood education degree requires a diverse course load. Some of the key courses the students take include classroom and behavior management, disability studies, elementary geometry and statistics.

The student teaching program is known as the Candidates' Culminating Experience; it is a 12-week program where students engage in, "extensive unit research and lesson planning, implementation and presentation, along with the completion of written assignments pertinent to their experience," according to the course description.

Students also have to take multiple math courses including Introduction to Mathematical Thought and Elementary Geometry and Statistics. Both are also mandatory to occupy a teaching job within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Aside from completing the Bucknell curriculum, a B.S. in education also requires that students pass the PAPA (Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment) tests in reading, writing and math and have a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0.

For the 2023 spring semester, seven juniors have been matched with elementary classrooms in the local area. While taking regular classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, they spend their Tuesdays and Thursdays working at their placements.

Managing a full course load while also lesson planning, observing and teaching, the students participating in the program have a busy semester ahead. Some of the juniors currently student teaching took time to speak with The Bucknellian regarding the program and their experiences.

## Mia Sidlowski

Mia Sidlowski '24 was assigned to a second grade classroom in the Shikellamy school district. She travels about 20 minutes from Bucknell every Tuesday and Thursday to help in the classroom and teach from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Having spent some time in different elementary classrooms through the education program, Sidlowski shared that she has been most drawn to teaching fourth grade. When asked about the student teaching she has done thus far she said, "It has been so rewarding going into the classroom. It genuinely feels like you are having an impact on the children you are encountering."

This is the first semester that the early childhood education majors have spent consistent full days each week in a classroom. In past years, they have been exposed to various brief times in classrooms. Sidlowski spoke on how these opportunities have been useful for her.

"Going into different classes has been super helpful. It is so beneficial getting into a classroom and getting a sense of what our future will look like," she said.

## Katherine Witte

Like Sidlowski, Katherine Witte '24 was also assigned to a second grade elementary class in the Shikellamy district. Witte explained that while she enjoys teaching and gaining experiences in all grades, she is not positive about which grade she would prefer teaching in the future, but she has always been drawn to kindergarten.

Witte continued on to say that since she has started teaching in the classroom this semester it has been great.

"My cooperating teacher is amazing, and I have learned so much in just the few days I have gone so far," Witte said.

"The kids are awesome and are so welcoming. I am looking forward to learning more and getting more involved in the classroom."

Witte explained that the student teachers first start by observing the elementary teacher. Throughout the semester, the teacher starts to incorporate them more until they are fully able to lead the class.

"I have learned so many teaching strategies from just observing in the classroom," she said. "My teacher always keeps me informed about what is happening in the classroom, and has given me so many helpful tips about how to manage the classroom."

Witte said that every day she learns new skills about how to keep students engaged or on task. She went on to share her excitement about implementing these strategies incorporated with her own teaching style in her future classroom.

## Grace Overend

Teaching in the Milton school district for the semester, Grace Overend '24 was placed in a fourth grade classroom. She has not yet decided what age she would like to teach in the future but explained that she is looking forward to this semester to help her determine that.

"I have seen three different age groups so far and it has been very helpful to see the differences in grade and skill level," Overend said. "The field experience is preparing us as possible for our career after graduation."

She shared that each classroom and each student is different with the stories they share as well as what they teach her. She is thankful for all the in-person teaching opportunities that the program has provided her with.





# THE BUCKNELLIAN sports

**B1** — February 10, 2023

## Women's Water Polo earns first victories of the season

Brooke Tracey  
Senior Writer

Bison Women's Water Polo remained on the road for their second week of the 2023 season as the team headed to the Bruno Classic in Providence, R.I.

The Bison dominated Austin College and Santa Clara on Saturday, Feb. 4, and faced strong competition in Wagner and Marist on Sunday, Feb. 5. The Orange and Blue finished the weekend 2-2.

The Bison opened the weekend against Austin College in a strong performance, getting on the board first from an Isabelle Monaghan '24 goal just seven minutes into the match. The Kangaroos tied the game a few minutes later, but the Bison netted five more goals, leading them 6-1 at the end of the half.

The Bison and Kangaroos scored four goals apiece in the second half, ending the match 10-5 and resulting in the first Bison victory of the season.

Building off this momentum, the Orange and Blue took on Santa Clara in their second game of the day. From the opening whistle, both teams battled, with the Bison having only a slight edge over the Broncos heading into halftime, 5-4.

It was the second half that proved to be all the difference for the Bison. After the Broncos fought back to a 6-6 tie, the Bison

took the lead once again, ending the third quarter 9-7. It was ultimately a Monaghan goal, with less than four minutes remaining, that led the Bison to an 11-10 victory.

The Orange and Blue opened play on Sunday against their recent opponent, No. 17 Wagner. The Seahawks offense dominated the Bison in the first half, taking a 8-1 lead. The Orange and Blue continued to fight, putting up six more goals in the second half. However, this was not enough to stop the Seahawks who took a 21-7 victory.

The Bison closed out the four-game weekend against No. 22 Marist. Even while tying their season high in goals scored, the Bison could not stop the Red Fox offense. In the first half, both teams scored a combined 14 goals, with the Red Foxes leading 8-6. The Bison put up five more goals of their own in the second half, however the Red Foxes doubled that, ending the match 18-11, in favor of Marist.

"Different players contributed to the scores on the first day and we had some great communication, which will only burgeon as we progress throughout the season," Monaghan said. "We are eager for our next game and incredibly excited to be on our home turf this weekend!"



## Men's Lacrosse defeats Mercer in triumphant Season Opener

Lea Tarzy  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Men's Lacrosse faced off against Mercer at their season opener at home this past Saturday, triumphing with a resounding 20-6 victory and breaking the university record for most goals scored in a season opener.

Michael Meyer '26 contributed an impressive six goals in the first game of his collegiate career, tying the current first-year goal-scoring record at Bucknell. This record is also held by Connor Davis '25, who tied the record in three different games last season.

Dutch Furlong '24 beat his personal record of ten points with four goals and six assists, working with Meyer and Davis to create great offensive energy.

The current team record for points in a single game is twelve, set last year by alumnus Alston Tarry.

Meyer was not the only first-year to make a significant contribution to the Bison victory. Midfielder Will Hopkins '26 assisted the first goal of the game just 53 seconds into his Bucknell career, slotting a pass through to Davis.

The faceoff between Bucknell and Mercer was the first Division I lacrosse game of the 2023 season, meaning the Hopkins-to-Davis goal was the very first of the 2023 season across the nation.

Hopkins added two other assists and tacked on a goal for a total of four points.

Rookies Patrick Reilly '26 and Jaz Zanelli '26 started the game at midfield and goalie respectively, with Zanelli recording nine saves on the day.

This 14-point margin of victory was particularly impressive

considering that last year, the Bison beat Mercer by just two points with a final score of 16-14.

Bucknell's hard work in the offseason paid off, as they were ahead by three goals just 4:04 into the match and maintained their lead.

Midfielder Ethan Gyllenhaal '24 contributed one goal and caused a turnover.

"We had a lot of energy going into the first game of our season and it showed on the field with our fast start and contributions from everyone all over the field," Gyllenhaal said.

Bucknell recorded 46 shots, overshadowing Mercer's 24, and held much more of the possession.

The Bison men look ahead to their next matchup, again at Christy Mathewson, Saturday Feb. 11 at 3:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

### Softball

- @ George Washington University 2/10 11 a.m.

### Women's Tennis

- @ George Washington University 2/10 1 p.m.

### Men's Tennis

- @ Saint Francis 2/10 4 p.m.

### Wrestling

- vs Lehigh 2/10 7 p.m.

### Men's and Women's Track and Field

- @ Big Apple Classic 2/11

### Women's Water Polo

- vs Michigan 2/11 10 a.m.

### Men's Basketball

- vs Colgate 2/11 12 p.m.

### Women's Lacrosse

- @ Penn State 2/11 12 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

- @ Colgate 2/11 1 p.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

- vs Robert Morris 2/11 3 p.m.

### Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving

- vs Patriot League Championships 2/15 10 a.m./6 p.m.

## Men's Tennis ends the weekend 1-1

Lauren Medeiros  
Staff Writer

Over the weekend, the Bucknell Men's Tennis competed against Villanova and Drexel in South Williamsport, Pa.

The Bison suffered a close 4-3 loss against Villanova on Saturday. Despite the outcome, there were great performances all around.

Bucknell clinched the doubles point for the match after pairs Harrison Gold '24 and Brendan McDonald '26, and Amar Tahirovic '26 and Oscar Moreno de Vega '26 won their matches 6-2 and 6-3 respectively.

As for the singles, No. 4 Michael Owen '23 and No. 6 McDonald earned straight-set victories. Owen defeated his opponent 6-4 and 6-3, while McDonald won 6-4 and 6-0.

With Bucknell up after the two singles matches and doubles points, they were unable to hold onto the lead as Villanova came back to win at No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 5 singles.

Heading into their match against Drexel, the Bison were fired up and eager to compete.

Fate changed for Bucknell on Sunday as they secured a 5-2 win over Drexel.

With an end point on the line, first-year Tahirovic's three-set victory at No. 2 singles clinched the final point of the match.

Additionally contributing to the points for the Bison were doubles teams Gold and Brendan, and Tahirovic and Moreno de Vega, as well as singles players Gold, Nick Mueller '23 and McDonald.

For first-year McDonald, he ended this weekend with a perfect 4-0 record.

"This past weekend's match against Drexel was a great first win to kick off a promising season," McDonald said. "After winning the initial doubles point, the energy was unstoppable. Drexel tried every trick in the book, but it wasn't enough."

Next Friday, the Bison are back in action in Ebensburg, Pa, facing off against Saint Francis, Pa.

## Women's Tennis' Close Loss to Saint Francis (Pa.)

Noor Kaur  
Staff Writer

After holding a lead of 2-0, the Women's Tennis team fell 4-3 to St. Francis (Pa.) this past weekend.

Anna Lajos '25 and Abby Platt '26 competed together in the first doubles match of the day, winning 6-1. Kate Novak '24 and Caroline Marcus '25 also won their match with a score of 7-6. In the singles competition, Whitney King '25 won (6-4, 2-6, 6-0), bringing the Bison to a 2-0 lead.

Bucknell's next win came during the No. 6 singles as Mirra Manolov '26 won 6-2, 6-1. Lajos and Tyne Miller '24 battled hard in their respective matches, forcing extra sets but ultimately falling to St. Francis.

"This past weekend was a close loss," Miller said. "Everyone fought and played well but we definitely have our eyes set on the next time we play St. Francis. It was Abby Platt's first dual match as a freshman, and it was super fun to see her compete and take the court. This next weekend, we have two matches, which is a great opportunity and also a challenge we're ready for. We've been competing and training hard so it will be a good weekend."

This coming weekend, the Bison hit the road and look to compete against George Washington on Friday, Feb. 10 and Washington & Lee on Saturday, Feb. 11.

## Women's Track and Field makes history

Madison Rehak  
Staff Writer

This past weekend, the Bucknell Women's Track and Field team competed in the Scarlet White Invitational in Boston, Mass. and was the clear champion in the majority of the events.

The pole vaulters on the team were sent to the Sykes & Sabock Invitational to compete, as well.

There were countless record breaking scores, times and events for the Orange and Blue in the Scarlet White Invitational.

Meghan Quinn '24 is now third in Bucknell history in the 200m dash event with a time of 24.68 seconds, earning ninth place overall in the event and an ECAC qualification.

Caryn Rippey '26 continued her strong career in her rookie campaign in the 3000 meter run. She placed ninth in Bucknell history with a time of 9:50.35 and 14th in the event, earning another ECAC qualification for the Bison.

Bucknell also grabbed four out of the seven top spots in the high jump event. Abby Kates '24 clinched the third spot with a jump of 5'5" (her personal best), Karen Hull '24 placed fourth with a score of 5'5", Olivia Boyce '24 was named fifth place with a jump of 5'3" and Madeline Lehker '26 clinched seventh place at a score of 5'3".

Hull also claimed sixth place in the 60 meter hurdles event with a time of 8.84, while Kate Amaddio '23 placed sixth in the 5000 meter run with a time of 17:37.15. Lila Gaughan '24 clinched seventh place in the long jump with a distance of 16' 11.5".

Bridget Lalonde '23 made Bucknell history with three top-ten finishes and two ECAC qualifications. She ran a time of 55.83 seconds in the

400 meter dash, placing ninth in the event, while also earning second place in Bucknell history of the event. She was only 0.5 seconds behind the first place holder and earned an ECAC qualification. She placed twenty-fifth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 25.19 and is now in eight place in Bucknell history for the event.

The last event she made a top-ten appearance in was the 4x400 meter relay with the help of her teammates, Katherine Loew '25, Jessie Castellano '23 and Quinn. The team earned sixth place in the invitation for this event with a time of 3:45.21, making them fourth place in Bucknell history for the event.

"Going into this weekend everyone was excited to travel to Boston, as it is historically known to be the 'fastest track in the world,'" Lalonde said. "This meet was competitive with regionally ranked teams as well as some professional runners. It was good preparation for the Patriot League Championship at the end of this month. Overall, the team performed well. There were several personal records as well as people making the all-time top-ten list. This momentum will help us as we approach the championship segment of our indoor season."

In the Sykes & Sabock Invitational, Jennifer Scott '23 and Elizabeth Bryant '26 were sent to represent the Bison and placed in third and fourth in the pole vaulting event. Scott clinched third place with a height of 11-3.75 and Bryant followed in fourth with a height of 10-10.

This weekend, the team will be competing in the Big Apple Classic in Staten Island.



## Men's Track and Field dominates in Boston

Tallulah Fuhs  
Contributing Writer

Men's track and field showed up and showed out in the Scarlet and White Invitational in Boston last weekend.

Samuel Whittaker '23, coming off of a great showing the previous weekend, placed second in the 3000-meter run. He is now known as the best mark in Bucknell history with a time of 8:02:55, being the fastest by 2.49 seconds. In addition, Whittaker qualified for the IC4A.

Again, continuing from the success of last weekend, Robert Feeney '23 finished first in the weight throw of 59'10", earning an IC4A qualification. This placed Feeney seventh in Bucknell history. Teammate John Calisi '23 was right behind him in second place with a throw of 57'5".

Only half a second away from entering the Bucknell top 10, Zachary Jelinek '26 finished fourteenth in the 800-meter run (1:52.15), while also earning an IC4A qualification. Following Jelinek, Alex Simpson '24 finished twenty-first in this same event, earning an IC4A qualification as well.

Earning another two IC4A qualifications for the Bison, Jayson Harmer '26 finished the mile run with a 4:14.61 and Ethan Wolford-Tuffy '24 finished twenty-second in the 400-meter dash (48.98).

Henry Didden '26, Peter Sorensen '25 and Grayson Crockett '25 finished back-to-back-to-back placing sixth (14:52.20), seventh (14:53.38) and eighth (14:53.78) in the 5000-meter run.

Anthony Zamarra '23, with a toss of 51' 3½, won gold in the shot put. Following behind, teammates Wade Shomper '26 finished second (51' 2¾"), Braden Stryker '25 finished fifth (48' 3¼") and Jaxon White '23 finished seventh (46' 8¾").

Tristan An '24 placed fifth (6' 4¾") in the high jump, with teammate Jeffrey Cianfrocca '26 placing right behind him in seventh (6' 4¾").

Lastly, Matt Federovich '24, in the long jump, finished in seventh place (21'9").

"It was a great day for everyone on the team," Sorensen said. "A lot of people had breakout performances."

Their next meet will take place in Staten Island on Feb 11.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Xander Rice '23

### Profile

### Sport

Men's Basketball

### Hometown

West Long Branch, N.J.

### High School

The Patrick School

### Position

Guard



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Caleb Wooten  
Staff Writer

The Bucknell Men's Basketball team is on a roll, picking up two huge victories this past week largely due to the efforts of senior co-captain Xander Rice '23.

Over the past two games, Rice is averaging 20.0 points per game alongside 3.5 assists and 3.5 rebounds while shooting 52 percent from the field and 50 percent from three. This stretch has been huge for the Bison, and Rice attributes it to the hard work the team has been putting in to overcome adversity.

"Our main thing in practice has been believing in ourselves and trusting each other," Rice said. "We were on a skid and struggling earlier in conference play, but coach kept telling us that the only way we would be able to turn it around is to believe. We just got back to having belief and confidence in each other and knowing that we are still a good team."

As a two-year co-captain and three-year starter for the program, the team will go as far as Rice takes them, and the star combo-guard has proven to be capable of handling that responsibility.

Rice has scored over 1,000 career points as of Wednesday, and has led the Bison in assists each of the past two years. Playing some of the best basketball of his career, Rice looks to

continue his efforts leading up to the Patriot League Tournament.

"The biggest aspect of my game that I have to bring to the team is consistency," Rice said. "Whether it's in practice or the game, my team has to know what they are getting from me day in and day out. As an older guy on the team, I have to lead by example. I can't afford to have a bad day or not bring energy because it directly affects the team. I have to stay positive and confident each day no matter what. We have an extremely talented team, and when we are playing free, fun and hard, we are a hard team to beat. We just have to build off these wins and finish the year strong."

The Orange and Blue look to generate even more momentum on the road Wednesday night versus Navy.

### Career Stats

- Co-captain for second straight year
- 1,000 point club
- MVP of Sunshine Slam '22
- Ocean Bracket

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# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### Premier League Corruption

Kaylee Donnelly  
Senior Writer

This past week, Premier League soccer club, Manchester City, was accused of breaking the league's financial fair play rules over 100 times between the 2009-2010 and 2018-2019 seasons. The Premier League's financial fair play rules were created in order to regulate club spending, and to ensure that clubs were generally spending what they were making. Manchester City, in falsely reporting their financial statements, are in extreme violation of this contract.

According to Premier League rules, a club is required to provide accurate financial information to the league that reflects an honest depiction of the club's financial position. Manchester City was accused of failing to include full details of player and management salaries, failing to

comply with financial play rules and failing to cooperate with the league regarding any investigations. If these accusations are proven, it could be one of the worst offenses committed by a club in Premier League history.

It's especially serious given the club's success over the past decade. Their club was taken over in 2008 by Abu Dhabi-based City Football Group one year prior to when the accusations timeline began. Since their takeover, Manchester City has won six Premier League titles, two FA Cup titles and five League Cup trophies. The team was practically reshaped by this purchase. The value of the club now sits at approximately one billion pounds.

This isn't the first time City has been accused of financial wrongdoing either. In February

of 2020, they were banned from the Champions League by UEFA after breaking the financial rules of the competition and not properly reporting to the European governing bodies. These allegations were denied by Manchester City, who went to the Court of Arbitration for Sport and got the ruling overturned.

These new accusations might not blow over as smoothly as before. One of the accusations states that Manchester City Football Club has been lying about the club's funding and the financial compensation received from sponsorship deals, inflating the numbers coming in from Abu Dhabi companies. Another accusation states that a previous manager of Manchester City, Roberto Mancini, had been a recipient of a second salary,

along with several other players potentially receiving more than was recorded.

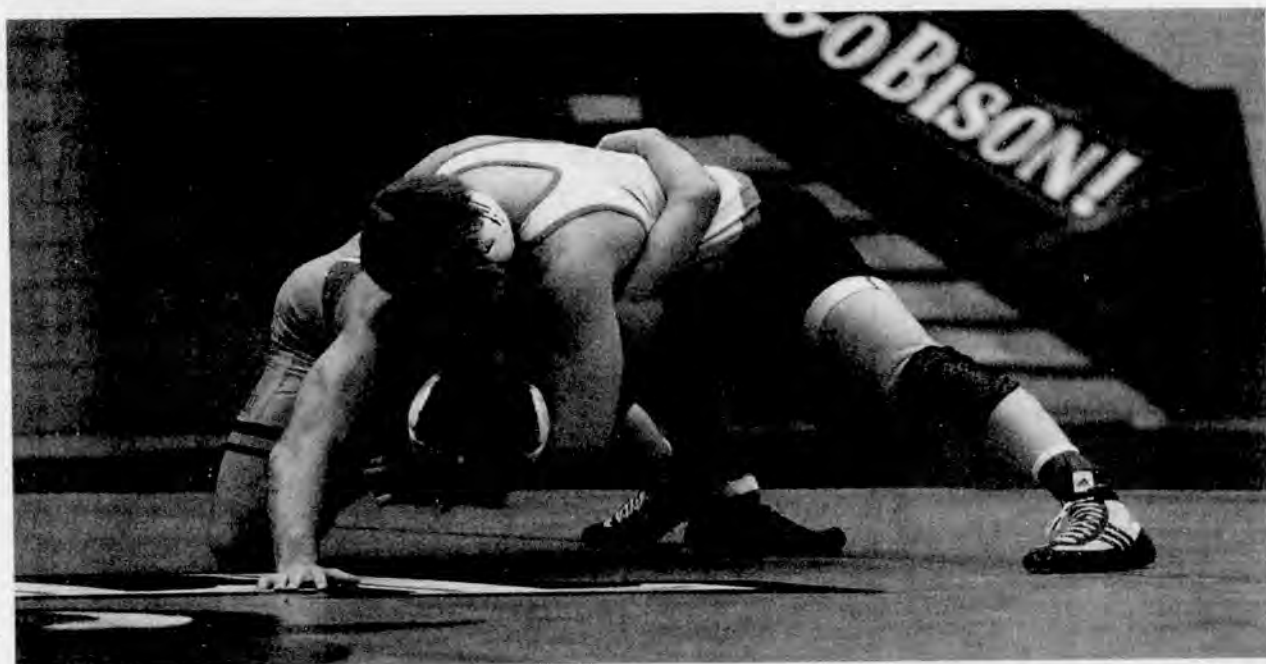
Manchester City issued a statement shortly after expressing their surprise at the allegations, and stated that they frequently engage with the league and provide detailed materials of their finances. They welcomed an independent commission to come in and investigate and accused the Premier League themselves of investigating the club based on "illegal hacking" and "out of context publication of club emails."

Despite this, the accusations still do not look good for the club. Manchester City will not be off to a good start in this new investigation.

If found guilty by the commission, the punishments to the club

can vary. It contains a variety of sanctions, including fines, point deductions or at worst, relegation from the Premier League. As one of the Premier League's most valued and high performing clubs, it's highly doubtful that Manchester City will be relegated this season, although it's not impossible.

As of right now, Manchester City currently sits at number two in the league standings, with a record of 14-3-4 and a clear path towards the Champions League. Point deductions and relegation are arguably the worst outcome for the club, so Manchester City fans will have to hope that the club was being honest, as the fate of the club's success for their 2022-2023 season could now sit in the hands of the Premier League and the commission's investigation.



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## Wrestling falls to Columbia and Navy at home

Morgan Sohosky  
Senior Writer

Bison wrestling took on Columbia at home this past Friday Feb. 3, falling 12-25.

The Lions won six out of 10 bouts while picking up bonus points in six of them. Four of the losses against Columbia losses were to nationally-ranked wrestlers, so the Bison faced tough competition.

Dorian Crosby '23 was able to help the Bison with their first win. He was even with his competitor in the third period when he benefited

from a stall call to get the vote 2-1 for his eighth straight win.

The Bison continued with their meet to get to 16-12, narrowing the divide.

Kurt Phipps '24, Darren Miller '23 and Dylan Chappell '25 won their matches 2-1, 2-0 and 7-6 respectively.

The Lions were able to finish strong to take the match with a final score of 12-25.

The Bison also hosted Navy on Saturday afternoon. The match

finished with a final score of 9-25 with the Midshipmen claiming the victory.

The Bison won three bouts overall with a win from Crosby, Phipps and Nick Delp '24. Crosby competed in the 285 with a win of 5-2, Phipps brought home his second win of the weekend for the Bison with a win of 4-0 and Delp brought home his first win of the weekend with a 7-2 finish.

The Bison will host Lehigh this Friday Feb. 10 in Davis Gym.

## Women's Basketball Wins at Army

Charlotte Dursee  
Senior Writer

The Bison women's basketball team traveled to West Point, N.Y. this past weekend to take on the Army Black Knights (8-13, 6-5 PL). The Bison are currently 9-13 in regular play and 5-6 in the Patriot League.

The game started in favor of the Blue and Orange with a quick 4-0 run. Buckets came from Emma Shaffer '23 and Emma Theodorsson '26.

The rest of the quarter remained in the Bison's control until Army went on a 5-0 run of their own. Cecelia Collins '25 quickly ended that streak with a basket to end the score of the first quarter at 16-11. This is Collins' first game back on the court since the Boston University game on Jan. 2.

The Bison continued to control the game throughout the second quarter. Collins added four more points this quarter, Isabella King '25

added some impressive free throws and Caroline Dingler '24 added a basket to push the lead to 31-23 by the half.

The third quarter started out with the Bison going up 11 points. However, Army was able to gain some control over the game. About halfway through the quarter, the game was tied up at 37-37 and soon after Army was up four points, the biggest lead they would have that day.

"Anytime they went on a run, we fought back with a run of our own and luckily at the end we had more punches," Collins said.

Collins and King continued to do what they do best. Collins tipped a pass onto their attacking end and chased after it. She soon found King who finished the layup and drew the foul for the three point play. The quarter ended with Army only up 43-42.

Remi Sisselman '25 scored two free throws at the start of the final quarter and managed to take back the lead. Army soon tied it up again. Tai Johnson '23 and King combined for five points to take back the lead for a final time.

Despite not scoring another basket, the Bison made nine free throws in order to seal the deal. The Blue and Orange ended with a 60-50 victory.

For the second game in a row, King ended with 19 points, tying her career high. Collins ended with 10.

"It felt good getting back out there," Collins said. "Obviously I am going to have to shake off some rust and get back into playing shape, but I was just happy to be with my teammates again!"

The Bison look to keep up their winning streak against Navy Feb. 8 at home.

## Women's Golf competes in Lady Bison Bay Point Classic

Jamilie Atiyeh  
Staff Writer

This past weekend, Women's Golf traveled to Panama City, FL to embrace the sunshine on an action packed course at Lipscomb University in a 15-team competition.

Paige Ritcher '26 carded a team best 79 to lead Bucknell on day one of the Lady Bison Bay Point Classic.

Tatum McKelvey '23 followed with an 88, Kelsey Yi '24 and Kayla Yi '24 both shot 90 and Tara Thomas '25 posted a 91. The Bison improved by 18 shots over its first-round score on day two, and was one of only five schools in the 15-team field to improve on its first-round score.

Once again, Bucknell was soon moving up in the ranks in the third and final day of the classic while posting a 321 Tuesday - coming into the day at 347-329.

At the start of the last day, Bucknell sat 17 shots behind

the University of Alabama at Birmingham, but caught the Blazers by two shots to move into twelfth.

Lipscomb won the tournament with a 909 total.

"Competing at the Lady Bison classic was a great way to kick off our season," McKelvey said. "It was the first time hitting on real grass and competing in a few months, which meant we had some 'winter rust.' Each day we improved as a team and had a great time doing it! I'm so excited for the rest of the season and to see what our team can accomplish over the next couple of months."

All in all, some great totals were seen by the Bison over the course of the classic and there will be more to come as the women travel to Arizona on March 13 and 14 for the Southwest Minnesota State Spring Classic.

## Men's Basketball Bounces Back

Hugh Straine  
Staff Writer

Bucknell men's basketball went 2-0 over the past week, winning at American 78-71 on Feb. 1 and following that up with a home victory and season sweep of Army 73-67 on Feb. 4.

Xander Rice '23 led the Bison in scoring in both outings with 23 against American and 17 against Army. Rice shot 12/23 from the field over these two games along with seven assists.

The Bison defense stepped up against American, limiting them to under 27 percent from the three point line on fifteen attempts, while also forcing fourteen Eagle turnovers.

Three other Bison shot in double figures: Ian Motta '25 with 16, Andre Screen '24 with 10 and Jack Forrest '24 added 14. Bucknell also hit nine threes in the game, shooting 69 percent from beyond the arc.

On Saturday, the Orange & Blue were able to hold off a 32 point performance from Army's Ethan Roberts to secure the win. Bucknell controlled the tempo well and limited Army's possessions throughout the game and was able to keep the pace at the tempo they wanted.

A true deciding factor were the free throw numbers. Bucknell only gave the Black Knights 11 attempts from the charity stripe, of which they made five. The Bison knocked down 19-24 attempts from the line, eventually pulling away into a six point lead.

Motta gave the Bison five points in seventeen minutes against Army.

"The ceiling is a Patriot League Championship. Biggest focus in practice needs to be good vibes," Motta said.

Bucknell takes on Colgate at home Saturday Feb. 11 at 12 p.m.



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## We need Groundhog's Day



Caroline Hendrix  
Opinions Editor

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Have you ever wondered why we look to a groundhog in early February to tell us the weather in the months ahead? Last Thursday, all eyes were on Punxsutawney Phil's shadow as he revealed six more weeks of winter. I even heard that some Bucknellians made the two-and-a-half hour trek to the infamous Gobbler's Knob to see Phil in action. Why do we celebrate Phil? Should we?

It is first important to outline the origins of Groundhog's Day, which CNN neatly outlines. The earliest form of the day dates back to the "pre-Christian era of Western Europe" where Celts commonly divided the year into four sections, with one of these sections beginning on February 1. As Christianity came to dominate in Europe, Christians adopted the day as "Candlemas" where they would bless candles in hopes of a warm winter. CNN reports that the centrality of agriculture to everyday life made weather predictions imperative. Later on, German influence led to the badger becoming associated with weather-predicting capabilities on Candlemas, and the holiday was formed

more or less into what we know today. When the Pennsylvania Dutch traveled overseas, they adjusted the holiday from badgers to groundhogs, given that groundhogs were more populous in the region. CNN dates the first official Groundhog's Day by Punxsutawney locals back to 1887.

Reflecting on holidays overall, Groundhog's Day tends to be easily forgotten and discredited. But I think this perspective lends itself to a lack of knowledge surrounding its origins. From CNN's timeline, it is evident that the day holds within it ties to a variety of different cultures and ways of thinking or living. It acts as a reminder of the centuries-old theories and understandings about the natural processes around us like weather that still inform the way we live today.

And the importance of weather predictions seem just as pressing today as they did for agrarian societies during the early years of Candlemas. Climate change has forced attention towards changes to seasons and other weather-related processes.

The only aspect of the holiday that I question is the accuracy of

Phil's insights and other groundhogs alike. Punxsutawney Phil's accuracy rate falls between 30 and 40 percent, meaning that he is wrong more than he is right. While I cannot argue with critics of the holiday who cannot get past a groundhog's inaccuracies, I would ask whether the accuracy is what is significant about this holiday.

NPR notes that the holiday's popularity skyrocketed as industrialization began to expand, as people tried to resist the "massive societal and technological changes" that were occurring at the time. Groundhog's Day is not so much about purposefully predicting the weather as it is about connecting to nature and the Earth in a way that many of us forget to do on any day other than February 2.

Ultimately, we need Groundhog's Day. We need Punxsutawney Phil and Staten Island Chuck and any other groundhogs who tried to find their shadow last Thursday. They connect us to nature and to old ways of thinking that may hold new meaning for a world that is drastically different from the world they were created in.

## Some changes are much needed at the university gym

Ana Eckert  
Contributing Writer



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I would like to begin this opinion piece with a couple of disclaimers

One: I'm not what one would call a "gym rat." I'm a very casual gym-goer and do so mainly to stay in shape. There are probably aspects of gym culture that I do not understand.

Two: I do not speak for every female-identifying student here at Bucknell and can only speak on my experience as a white female in the gym a couple of times a week.

Three: I am, relatively speaking, rather thin. It is important to acknowledge that people in larger bodies often have a more challenging experience in the gym because of the prejudices of other gym-goers. I cannot speak on this experience and wanted to point out the confines of my perspective.

However, there isn't often discourse about our fitness center outside of the occasional YikYak complaining that

the "15s are missing again." (For the record, they don't go missing. Sometimes people move them downstairs. Just go and bring them back up.) So here is my perspective.

The first thing I ever noticed about the fitness center was that the free weights went up by intervals of five pounds. Perhaps I was just spoiled by my gym back home, where the weights went up by two-and-a-half pounds, but it did make my gym experience a bit more complicated. I've found it difficult to move from 10 pounds to 15 pounds or from 15 to 20 pounds on exercises that require smaller muscle groups.

I think a set of 12.5s, 17.5s and even 22.5s would allow more people to increase their progress, particularly on isolated upper body exercises. Not having these in-between weights make it harder for effective progressive overload.

And I do not think I am the only person you can find who

is frustrated by the lack of equipment in our fitness center. With only two squat racks and a handful of benches in the free weight room, I can sometimes spend 15 minutes just waiting for the space to open up. For all the money we pay to go to this school and use this gym, I cannot help but think that the resources available to students should be top-of-the-line and readily available.

The leg extension machine comes to mind, which has been out of order since last semester.

While on the topic of workout machines, I'd like to point out that they are so obviously made for men, by men. More often than not, I find that there are not enough settings to properly fit my height and size, making it incredibly difficult to achieve proper range of motion.

I think about it every time I sit down to do pull downs; the seat does not come up high

enough to adequately fit my thighs. Though this is more of an industry issue and not so much Bucknell's fault.

But Bucknell can still definitely make some improvements. My first suggestion would be to add more weights, particularly ones in the five to 30 pounds range. This would make it easier for beginners to workout and effectively make progress. While you're at it, throw a couple more benches upstairs; maybe rearrange some equipment and add another squat rack.

I think making it easier to complete a full workout will encourage more people to come into the fitness center and foster a better environment. Finally, I recommend having more ways to sanitize machines and weights. Cleanliness is still so important, particularly in a gym, and having wipes or a towel within arms reach will increase the chances that the average goer

wipes down the machines after they are done.

My final thought is for anyone who is worried or insecure about going to the fitness center. Gyms have a reputation for being intimidating, and I totally understand, but I still recommend trying it out. Most everyone is too busy focusing on their own workout and music to notice you and any mistakes you think you're making.

People are, for the most part, respectful, though there is the occasional student who spends forever on one exercise. You'll have to forgive me, but I can't for the life of me understand what they're doing for 30 minutes and five sets. Maybe go on a Saturday afternoon when it's always pretty empty (I wonder why...). And feel free to ask for my pop girl workout playlist. Lizzo is guaranteed to push you through that last rep.



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# Has Bucknell forgotten about Covid-19?

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The answer to the question upon which this article is based, I'm delighted to say, is a resounding yes. Bucknell has forgotten about the coronavirus, and that is a beautiful and heartwarming thing.

As far as our locality is concerned, Union County, Covid cases have precipitously declined since exactly one year ago today. Over that same course of time, hospitalization rates have fallen by a factor of 15, and total cases are effectively nil. And under current Medicare provisions, hospitals are financially rewarded for inflating such figures. Medicare grants hospitals \$13,000 for every reported Covid patient, and \$39,000 for every ventilator patient. So it is very likely my figures are indeed an overestimation.

Even Joe Biden announced the pandemic "over" just last September. So yes, Bucknell has forgotten about Covid, and for good reason. But, Bucknell may remember Covid too. We may fall prey to the fear mongering over new strains and novel respiratory pathogens, to which we will respond I'm sure with stringent new mask mandates, and forced testing for the unvaccinated.

These are actions I would fervently caution against, yet must accept as the ineluctable fate of myself and every other Bucknell student and faculty member. Isn't it always that which cannot be seen that we most fear? Viruses and maladies, Gods and Deities, and environmental calamities. It's never the people you can reach out and touch, like your boss, like your ex, like your professor who's making your life hell. It's Covid. That's what you ought to fear. Well no actually.

As a body of students largely between the ages of 18-22, Bucknell is more than safe from Covid-19. The mortality rate for us students is below one percent, and any, if not all cases, would almost certainly be linked to co-morbidities. The CDC estimates suggest 94 percent of all Covid deaths were indeed deaths coupled with co-morbidities or pre-existing conditions. In other words, six percent of all Covid deaths were solely from Covid alone.

None of this is to say that the virus isn't serious, or it poses no threat or we should all just ignore public health altogether. It just means we must be mindful of the severity of our responses

to these sorts of breakouts. Who knows how psychologically damaged young children will be, as a consequence of forced mask mandates and social isolation. Who knows what that has done to introverted kids who'll be looking for places to hide every chance they get? Who knows what it's done to us?

They say it can take decades before the success of a US president can truly be ascertained. This is of course because it can take years before we collectively bear the brunt of policy X on industry Y. We thought masks would stop transmission. We now know they were just sheets of melt blown polypropylene accumulating bacteria.

In 1998, nobody thought Clinton's failure to counter Al-Qaeda's African embassy bombings would kill 3,000 Americans three years later. It wasn't even considered a failure at the time. But it was. As are many of the public health concerns that beckon to us in this very moment.

They are a failure of reason, and a betrayal of our comrades in arms, who deserve nothing short of bodily freedom and medical independence. So, if thunder strikes, don't let us down Bucknell.

# A Fever That Was Sweat Out

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It's 2014. As I biked home from Middle School, songs from my "holy emo trinity" playlist blasted through my wired headphones. Alternating between "AFYCSO" (A Fever You Can't Sweat Out) and "Pretty. Odd." was my after-school ritual, before getting on my laptop and surfing through Tumblr.

By the time I became a die-hard fan, Ryan Ross had already left the band in a break-up that left P!ATD (Panic! At The Disco) fans heart-broken.

To be completely honest, I never liked Brendon Urie. No one could deny that he was a gifted singer, and that his vocal chords were a divine intervention from heaven for misunderstood teens around the world. But it was Ryan Ross's lyricism that made Panic! At The Disco special, and what propelled the group into stardom.

There is a clear shift in the quality of lyrics after the band's first two albums, because while Brendon Urie can sing, Ryan Ross was the band's poet. After Ryan Ross and Jon Walker left the band in 2009 to form The Young Veins, many fans stopped listening entirely because subsequent albums just didn't pack the same emotional punch.

It was true that Brendon Urie and Spencer Smith wanted to make changes to the band's musical style, and later albums prove it. "Vices and Virtues", "Too Weird to Live", "Too Rare to Die", and "Death of a Bachelor" display a different kind of sound that feels as if they were produced for the radio and the Billboard Hot 100. But was that the only reason why Ryan Ross left the band? Die-hard fans know the theory that Brendon and Ryan were

secretly in love, and that their professional split was also an emotional one. Whether or not you believe it (I secretly do), Panic! was no longer the "son" of the "holy emo trinity."

Despite Dallan Weekes joining the band in 2010 for live performances, fans often joked that it had become Brendon! At The Disco. Now in 2023, Brendon is ending this solo journey after announcing that he and his wife Sara are expecting a child together. His final performance will be on March 10, in Manchester.

Panic! At The Disco was the first concert I ever went to in 2016 during "The Death Of A Bachelor" tour. In the audience, fans organized an effort to pass out different colored, paper hearts for people to shine over their phone flashlights in different sections. When the entire audience did it together, a rainbow appeared in the crowd. It was a symbol of LGBTQ+ pride, and as someone who had just come out as bisexual to many of their friends, it was a genuinely heart-warming moment.

A year prior, The Supreme Court had legalized same-sex marriage across the country. Although people were still homophobic, it felt like a win for the LGBTQ+ community. The concert felt like a place of whimsical celebration and unquestionable love. Even though I preferred the band's earlier music, I knew that I had found a place of acceptance in the fandom.

Panic! has come a long way from rehearsing in their grandparent's living room in Las Vegas. But eighteen years later, it seems as if the fever has finally been sweat out.

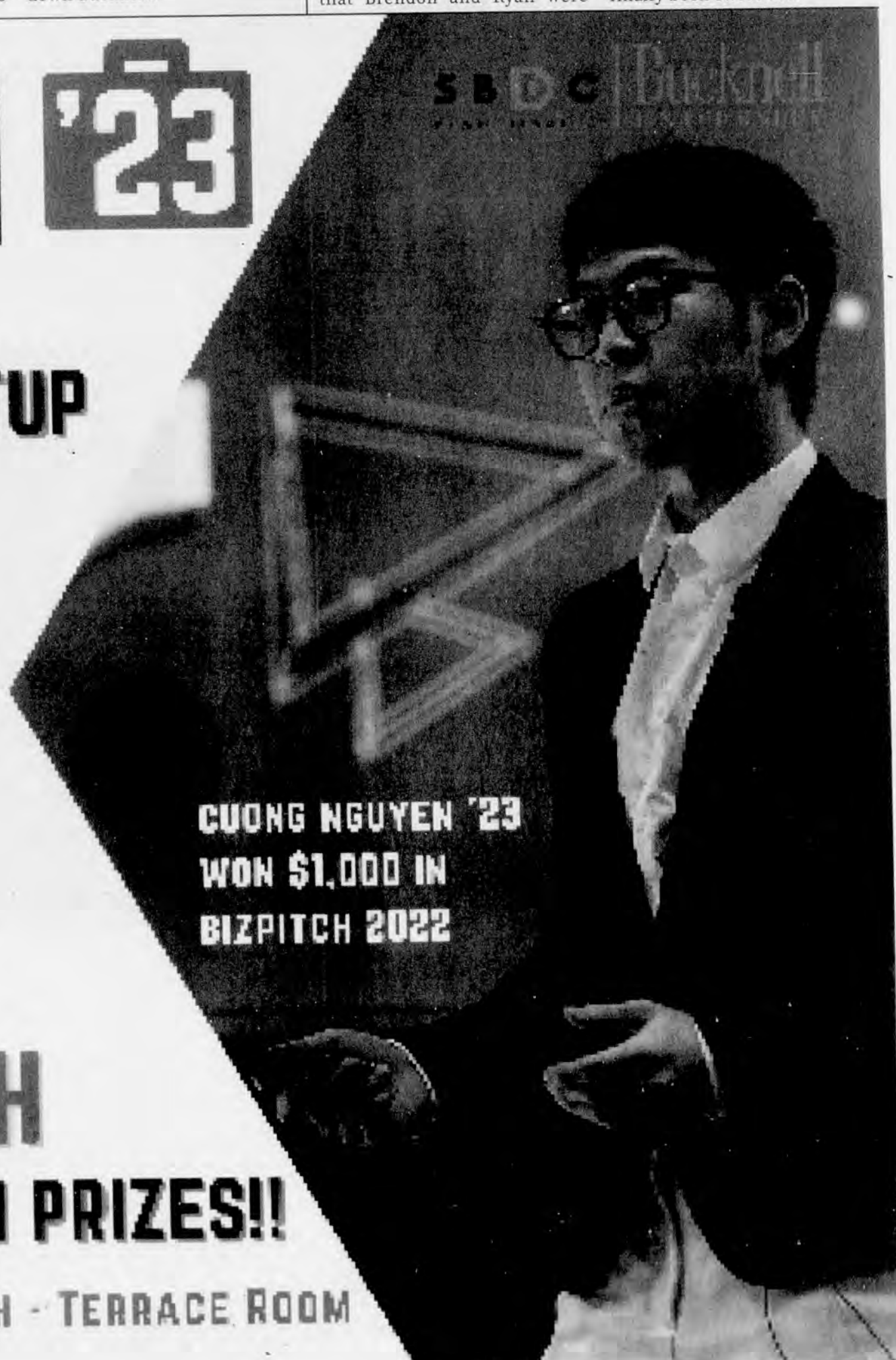
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# THE BUCKNELL THEATRE DEPARTMENT'S PLAY GOES WRONG...

Bucknell's Theatre and Dance Department performed one of their Spring semester plays, "The One Act Play That Goes Wrong," this past weekend on Feb. 3 and 4. This humorous one-act play, condensed into an hour, was directed by Reid Fournier '24 and stage managed by Maddie Buckley '24.

"Working with the cast and crew on 'The One Act Play That Goes Wrong' was an incredibly fulfilling experience for me," Fournier said.

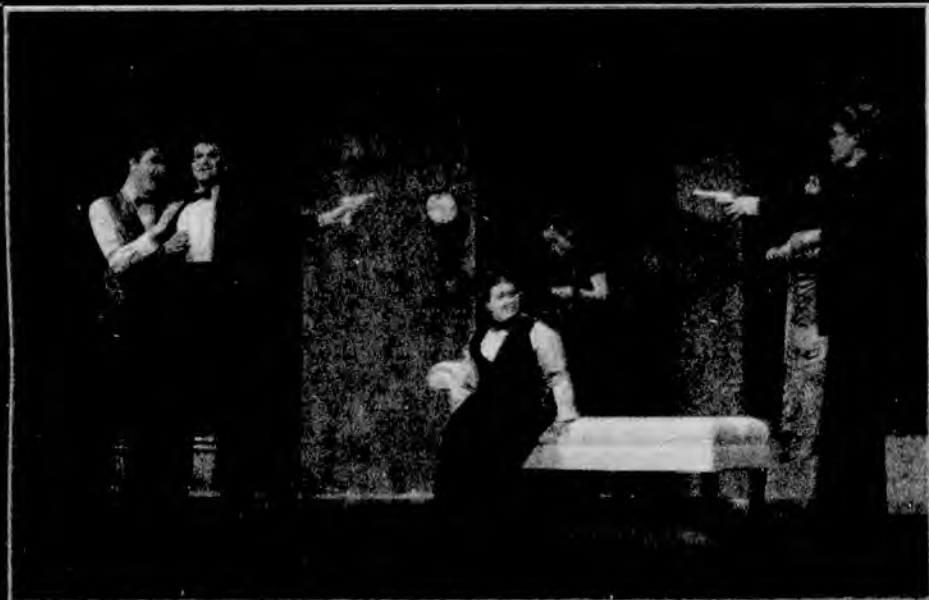
While the audience may think that the people on stage in the beginning fixing the set are just doing some last minute work, this is also a part of the act. The performance acts as "a play within a play," and it starts out with one of the actors, Chris (John Wallace '25), announcing to the audience that their drama society will be putting on a performance of the fictional play "The Murder at Haversham Manor."

The play immediately introduces the murder, as Robert (Josh Wickert '26) and Denise (Mackenzie Zerbe '25) discover Jonathan (Alex Bigley '24) dead on a chaise lounge. His fiancé Sandra (Caroline Pritchard '26) is then brought into the room, wailing with a melodramatic tone that she maintains the rest of the play. Jonathan's brother, Max (Harper Dick '25), comes in the room next, and tries to figure out what might have happened based on previous events and Jonathan's behavior. Robert also brings in Chris (John Wallace '25), who plays an inspector.

What follows is the progression of the "who done it?" style mystery, but as the name suggests, the play keeps going wrong. Actors forget their lines, mispronounce words, props are in the wrong place, and the pieces of the set keep breaking or falling. Nevertheless, the cast of "The Murder at Haversham Manor" pushes on, barely missing a beat.

Kelsey Werkheiser

News Editor



"Early on I knew I had to make cast unity my primary focus," Fournier said. "I pushed the cast to engage in the moment and put love into their craft. The results were a gift to all of us, and I believe audiences too. My favorite part of the process was this passion and commitment to theatre through this show. The audience could feel the cast's energy; immediately everyone was along for the ride."

During the play, one of the common complications in the set is the door. The actors either can't open it, or open it so forcefully that someone behind it is hit. Sandra is one of those fallen victim to this injury, and her unconscious body has to be dragged out through the set window. One of the tech crew members, Annie, is reluctantly pushed to fill Sandra's role, but slowly takes to the attention of the role and tries to force herself into the spotlight.

Another actor that falls victim to the door is Max, who takes a pretty harsh beating as Robert confronts him about his affair with Sandra.

"This was honestly a different process than other shows I have been in," Dick, Max's actor, said. "Since we have the backup of if anything actually does go wrong, we can play it off as a bit. Reid was always saying how we can always experiment with different deliveries and overall different ways the scene can go."

One of the big surprises of the play is supposed to be that Jonathan had never been murdered, but he messes up his queue and bursts into the room multiple times. He then awkwardly shuffles out backwards until it is finally his time to rightly come out.

"I haven't been in a play in quite a while, and this experience reminded me of everything I love about theater," Bigley, Jonathan's actor, told The Bucknellian. "Being live on stage, seeing the crowds cheering and laughing, seeing your fellow actors deliver their lines with such pride and seeing all that preparation pay off...there's really nothing like it."

"It's nice to be in a play about failure, because that means that failure's not as worrying for you," he continued. "You don't have to be afraid to experiment, to try something new. Reid always said, 'It's called a play, so let's play.' I liked that saying a lot."

In the end, Denise the butler reveals that the attempted murder had been committed by the inspector, who had wanted to cover his tracks when Jonathan discovered Chris had been embezzling police money. Although, even the resolution of the play can't go smoothly, and all the walls of the set collapse on stage.

"Something that was difficult was... getting the set to last until closing night," Zerbe, Denise's actress, said. "With such a physical show, it was hard on the props and set."

With the set contributing to the downfall of the play just as much as the actors, those working behind the scenes had just as much fun as those on stage.



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"From any designer's perspective, I believe the most rewarding piece of the process is when the show finally goes up and you're finally able to see how your design choices affect the audience," said Evelyn Pierce '25, who worked on scene and lighting design. "Since The Play That Goes Wrong has so many physical comedic moments specifically with the set and lights, hearing the audience laugh at the moments I intended to be funny makes all of the hard work worth it."

By the way those both on and off stage talked about the play, it's clear that it was an enjoyable experience for all.

"I appreciate and thank everyone who participated in - and watched - this show," Fournier said. "I will cherish it for years to come."

"The worst part of this process is we did not have enough nights for everyone to see it and the cast was so ready to do some more," said Dick. "I will miss this cast very dearly."





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## Letter to the Editor: The Unrelenting Anti-Blackness of Bucknell University



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A letter to whom it may concern:

The Board of Trustees, President Bravman, President's Diversity Council, Dean Amy Badal, Associate Dean Denelle Brown, and Bucknell Student Government Executive Board

In the spring of 1985, a group of concerned Black Bucknellians penned and publicly delivered A Black Student Manifesto. In this letter, they identified institutional racism as the enemy of our university and called on Bucknell to take tangible and urgent action against this vicious and insidious phenomenon. They describe the racial conditions of this campus with scant detail, though, it takes nothing but a quick glance to conclude that the Bucknell of our present is not much different from the Bucknell of the past. The most glaring example of this is found on page two of the manifesto where its authors call on the university to increase Black enrollment to 5% by 1990. It's been nearly 40 years, and as of Fall of 2022, Black students make-up approximately 4% of the university's total undergraduates [1].

In the spirit of the alums who've graced this campus before us, and in honor of those who'll grace this campus after us, we, the members of the Black Student Union, call on the Bucknell community to recognize and act upon, the willful and egregious disregard, consumption, exploitation, and spirit-murder of Black students and faculty that occurs on these yards. Some readers of this correspondence will have trouble reconciling the well-resourced and idyllic nature of Bucknell with the claims of this letter, so to that, we say, if you know, you know.

Similar to our forewriters, as concerned Black students, we are committed to a continuous struggle against those practices, ideologies, and normative expectations that give way to the unrelenting anti-blackness experienced by those here on campus. We are asking all those who are aligned with our mission and vision — faculty, administrators, staff, parents, students, and alumni — to join in our fight.

In view of this urgent situation, we demand the following of Bucknell University:

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## Class president resigns, BSG releases statement to BSU demands

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Digital Managing Editor

Gabby Diaz resigned from her position as president of Bucknell Student Government class of 2025, citing various experiences with discrimination and racism within the organization, on Friday, Feb. 10.

Her resignation comes in the wake of Bucknell's Black Student Union's list of demands, the second of such in the organization's history, after the group has not received a formal address by BSG, as of Feb. 16.

Diaz claims her resignation comes as a result of the response of BSG members to her Instagram story post containing both the list of BSU demands and an additional caption by Diaz that said "Bucknell as an institution, as an administration, and as a student led organization (BSG) only further perpetuates anti-blackness on a campus deeply rooted in racism and colonialism. Empty promises and strides to a 'multicultural' campus will never address the TRAUMA and violence it inflicts."

She holds that her post was in no way offensive to the campus community, nor demeaning towards BSG as

an organization, but simply highlighting her own experiences during her year and a half stint as vice president and then president of the Class of 2025.

"Thank you to the staff and faculty of color, my allies, to the friends I've made in BSG, and most importantly: thank you to my fellow Black, Brown, students of color and marginalized friends who've put their all into an institution like Bucknell and organizations like BSG that drain us. I'm here for you, I value you," Diaz said.

As of now, BSG is yet to announce who will assume the position of president of the Class of 2025.

Members of Bucknell's Black Student Union attended BSG's congressional meeting Sunday night, silently demonstrating with posters in hand before voicing their opinions on a variety of issues during the session for open comments. Individual members of BSG were questioned regarding their involvement in Diaz's resignation, and BSG was questioned on the whole in regards to their lack of responsibility to the Black Student Union's postings.

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## Eric Deggans and Shirley Lim attend Legacies debut



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News Co-Editor

NPR author Eric Deggans and SUNY professor Shirley Jennifer Lim came to Bucknell on Feb. 15 for the first event in a series by The Griot Institute. The series, called "Legacies: Bridging Centuries, Unearthing what carries Forward" began with the event and will continue on until March 22.

The description of the central idea of legacies is that "Legacies are loaded with contradictions. At once full of privilege, possibility, challenge and the weight of the past, legacies make demands of us in the contemporary world. Carried by each of us, legacies shape how we experience the present day as well as the future." The event occurred from 7-8:30 p.m.

On his profile, Eric Deggans is an author, journalist and television critic for NPR who has covered the intersections of media, pop culture, race and social justice for more than 25 years.

Shirley Jennifer Lim is a Professor of History and affiliate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Asian and American Studies, and Africana Studies at SUNY Stony Brook.

"Shirley Lim and Eric Deggans will be in conversation with each other about the legacies of race in Hollywood," Dr. Carol Wayne White, the Interim Director of the Griot Institute, said in a statement to The Bucknellian that. "Because legacies are associated with what has come before, and what gets passed on to the next generation, this dialogue will inspire the campus community to think further about Hollywood's role in presenting and preserving certain images of American life and its diverse cultures while neglecting others."

White continued, "given their areas of specialization and published works, we anticipate Lim and Deggans will shed light on provocative questions that emerge from studying Hollywood's legacies of race: Which "racialized" stories and images on the movie and television

screen are promoted, and why? How diverse and inclusive are these images and stories?"

At the event, both Lim and Deggans spoke on separate topics, both centered on ideas of historical discrimination in Hollywood.

Lim spoke about Anna May Wong, an actress who starred in films across the first half of the 20th century, and her experiences with racism, prejudice, and her involvement with the well-known actor Paul Robeson. She mentioned that they were "excellent friends" and that Robeson "was famous for being bisexual and having affairs."

When recounting an experience in 1940's LA, Lim mentioned how Wong, as a famous Asian actress, couldn't find housing due to racial restrictions. In Lim's words, Wong had "incredible resilience" and "she still tried to find a way to do her work as an actress" despite her limitations.

Eric Deggans spoke on racism in the media, and touched most on the "four types of racism."

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# breaking the bubble

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Staff Writer

## DOMESTIC

Last Monday a mass shooting killed three Michigan State University students and critically injured five. According to MSU police, 43 year old Anthony Dwayne McRae opened fire on two different parts of campus before he was found dead with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He has no known connections to the university. The police also found a note in McRae's pocket that suggested he was also a threat to Ewing Public Schools in New Jersey where he has local ties. This shooting is the sixty-seventh in the U.S. since the start of 2023, 12 of which have been at schools. The FBI is currently investigating the history of the shooter in order to try and understand his motivations. What is known about him is his history of mental illness and an arrest in 2019 by Lansing police for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit. He also pleaded guilty to possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle and was discharged from probation in May 2021.

The U.S. EPA submitted its final proposal to the White House of a plan to eliminate interstate soot pollution from the power sector last Tuesday. The plan would require the power industry to stop polluting nitrogen oxides which would stop power plants from worsening air quality even hundreds of miles away from the source itself. The EPA docket has received over 112,000 comments including those of big energy companies who argue that the EPA has wildly underestimated the cost of its plan. Kinder Morgan, Inc. estimates the plan would cost them \$4.1 billion in upgrades and retrofits to 950 engines along its pipelines, which carry 40 percent of the natural gas consumed in the country. This estimate is 16 times higher than that of the EPA. The final rule on the plan is expected March 23.

## INTERNATIONAL

Cyclone Gabrielle hit New Zealand's coast last Monday just after unprecedented downpours and flooding that killed four people. A national state of emergency was called which has only occurred on two other occasions in the country's history: during the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2011 Christchurch earthquake. The weather event has caused so much widespread damage that Australia and the United Kingdom have pledged to help. Millions of people have been without power due to extreme river flooding. The government has blamed this extreme weather event on climate change.

The European Union's clean-energy transition plan just received strict regulations for what qualifies as a renewable hydrogen factory in an effort to prevent greenwashing. For a hydrogen factory's product to be considered renewable, qualify for financial incentives and be used to meet the EU's renewable-energy targets, they must sign power-supply contracts with renewable power projects no older than three years and be located in the same or an adjoining region of Europe's electricity market. Additionally, the factory must show the total quantity of product produced along with their clean electricity consumed over a 30 day period. These regulations will shape companies' costly investments in hydrogen factories for the foreseeable future. By 2030, the EU aims to produce 10 million metric tons of clean fuels which will require 14 percent of the EU's total electricity in that year. Governments everywhere are looking into the efficacy of a switch from fossil fuels to hydrogen and electricity generation in industrial activities. The United States, Europe and other areas are planning to invest hundreds of billions of dollars on electrically powered hydrogen factories. The U.S. Treasury Department is also determining their own regulations that could allow green hydrogen producers to qualify for billions of dollars in tax credits under the Inflation Reduction Act.

# 2025 PRESIDENT RESIGNS, BSU DEMANDS FOR BSG

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According to various sources in both organizations, the open comments portion of the meeting lasted the greater part of an hour, with a back and forth dialogue between the Black Student Union and BSG that had not happened previously, and certainly not in a public setting. To learn more about the meeting and future prospects for the relationship between the two student organizations, BSG President Sam Douds was interviewed by The Bucknellian on Feb 15, during which he said, "BSG is actively working

to address the demands brought by Bucknell's Black Student Union." This is the first statement BSG has produced publicly regarding the list of demands from the Black Student Union, as members of the student body await a formal statement from BSG on the issue. "As we acknowledge our commitment to The Plan for Bucknell 2025, which recognizes an urgent need to holistically increase diversity, equity and inclusion resources to effect meaningful change in our campus

culture, the University has begun a dialogue with BSU officers about their message," Mike Ferlazzo, director of Media Relations at Bucknell, said in a statement. While many students await to hear a formal follow up from BSG regarding the demands, the Black Student Union is continuing to run its February programming, highlighting Blackness on Bucknell's campus. Kelsey Werkheiser contributed to this report.

# LEGACY DEBUT

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1. Bigotry Denial Syndrome is the idea that since one thinks they are not a bigot, then therefore they are not.
2. Situational Racism is the use of prejudice and stereotypes against selected people of color, often those you dislike, or elevating people of color you like out of stereotypes for a group.
3. Strategic Racism is the usage of stereotypes of marginalized groups used for political, material goal.
4. White Privilege is the benefits in society which are extended to white people, and are often taken for granted or unspoken.

Both of them answered questions afterwards, mainly focused on contemporary Hollywood and the success of films such as "Everything Everywhere All at Once."

Deggans said that "Hollywood has recognized that there is great acting talent in China, Hong Kong, Korea, and they need to be harnessed," along with recognizing the lucrative markets of foreign cinema. The event was cosponsored by the Department of Women's & Gender Studies, the Department of History, The China Institute, the Bucknell Institute for Public Policy, and the Bucknell Institute for Lifelong Learning. Other guests for the "Legacies" Series include Joy James, a political theorist and Professor of the Humanities at Williams College; Terri Lyne Carrington, American Jazz Drummer and composer; and lastly Vernese Edghill-Walden, a Bucknell alumnus who was just brought in as the current Vice president of Equity & Inclusive Excellence.

# Bucknell named a top producer of Fulbright Scholars

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The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has awarded Bucknell University with the accolades of a top producer of Fulbright Scholars for the second year in a row. Usually this is given to educational institutions with the highest number of 2022-23 Fulbright scholars. They are made up of faculty, researchers and administrators chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential.

Bucknell's most contemporary awardees are Prof. Emily Martin and Diane Jakacki, who are performing international research projects for their part of the program.

Provost Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak said that, "Bucknell's repeated recognition as a top producer of Fulbright Scholars serves as a testament to the caliber of faculty and staff at Bucknell. Our students are able to thrive in a challenging learning community because of the way they are encouraged toward discovery and global understanding by educators who are curious learners themselves."

The Fulbright scholarship is meant to further efforts to make students aware of more global perspectives, and they allow for professors and researchers to travel abroad, perform research, and return to their students with a greater awareness and understanding of the world around them.

Prof. Martin is using her Fulbright scholarship to teach American and Canadian art song to students at the Royal Conservatoire of The Hague in the Netherlands.

"In a lot of European conservatories, because English is not their first language, they tend to focus on very traditional Western canon classical music: Mozart, Schubert, Schumann, but they don't have a lot of experi-

ence and exposure to American or Canadian art song," Martin said, in a press release.

Prof. Martin is also traveling to sing in locales such as Iceland, Vienna, and London with the freedom the scholarship gives her. She added that, "The thing I'm looking more forward to, more than anything, is just re-energizing my creativity and coming up with new ideas to bring back."

Diane Jakacki is the Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Digital Humanities at the University of Guelph in Ontario, and she is looking into early modern performances with her Fulbright scholarship. She is working with REED London, a digital database that contains old documents about London musical and theatrical performances that took place between A.D. 1200-1650. She is partnered with the Canadian Writing Research Laboratory and the Linked Infrastructure for Networked Cultural Scholarship for this project.

"This Fulbright scholarship is allowing me to tackle the really hard questions a lot of us have been addressing when we're thinking about digital humanities and linked data — the idea of what determines an event from both a broad and granular perspective," Jakacki said. "My work will bring value to other scholars by creating parameters that help define and record these events. It's one of the most exciting things about the Fulbright. The work I'm doing can be applied and extrapolated, and other researchers can use these concepts that I am thinking about."

The Fulbright Program was established almost a century ago in order to aid in mutual understanding between the United States and other countries. In addition to the U.S. Congress funding the program, there are also donations made from partner governments, NGOs, private organizations, and corporations.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR: THE UNRELENTING ANTI-BLACKNESS OF BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

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- 1) We DEMAND an Office for Black Student Development. This office should have ample funding to increase Black student's enrollment, retention, completion, graduation, and successful transfer. This office should have a full-time coordinator whose job description is developed with formal input from the Black Student Union and other Black-identifying organizations on campus.
- 2) The university hires a Development Officer whose sole responsibility is around raising funds for Black Students recruitment and retention efforts. This Development Officer should work directly with Black Student Union and Multicultural Student Services. The Development Officer should be granted access to the university's largest donors so that they may aid in efforts to fundraise for scholarships for Black students.
- 3) The creation of a Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) exchange program, which would invite Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) students to Bucknell and for current undergraduate students to attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).
- 4) The establishment of bi-annual Campus Climate Meetings focusing on Black campus life mandated through the Vice President for Equity & Inclusive Excellence and the Office of the Provost as an avenue for accountability to issues and concerns raised by Black students, staff, faculty, and community in the greater Lewisburg Area.
- 5) The creation of at least one Bucknell University Endowed Chair in every academic department with demonstrated research and teaching focused on issues of relevance to Black lives and culture with structural analysis, and demonstrated experience of training, mentoring and service in these areas. The hires or appointments must be approved by a special committee of faculty that will be identified by the Black Student Union.
- 6) We demand historically Black Greek Letter Organizations have physical representations on campus like plots, benches, or trees.
- 7) We demand administration to include questions about racial climate of classrooms in end-of-semester course evaluations with a corresponding annual report to be released to the entire Bucknell community.
- 8) We demand that there be more housing options for Black students on campus aside from 7th Street House.
- 9) We demand that the Bucknell Student Government see to the creation and implementation of a Black Student Affairs Committee. This committee should function separately from the Diversity Affairs Congressional Committee and be endowed with organizational rights similar to that of other Congressional Committees.
- 10) We demand that the Bucknell Student Government see to the permanent appointment of a member of the Black Student Union to the BSG Finance Committee. This appointed member should be endowed with committee rights no different than that of other members and should be selected with the input of the Black Student Union Executive Board.

Signed,  
Black Student Union Executive Board  
2022-2023

## Solomon teaches a new inside-out course this semester

Michael Taramina  
Assistant News Editor

Tom Solomon, a veteran of Bucknell University's Physics Department since 1993, is currently teaching a course called 'Science, Technology, and Society.' The class is meant to discuss how science and scientists are portrayed anywhere from popular fiction to movies, the impact that science has on technology and how technology and scientific work affects people. While this may sound like any other elective, this class is unlike any other course this school offers, because it is an inside-out course.

Inside-out classes are classes that are taught inside a correctional facility. For a course to be an inside-out class, half the students are currently incarcerated people in a prison facility and the other half are college students. At Bucknell, the SCI Coal Township is the prison that 12 students take a bus to every Wednesday afternoon to be joined by another 12 students currently incarcerated.

"Ultimately, we do this because you get the best kind of learning experience when you have people with a wide variety of backgrounds, and this is about as wide a variety as you get," Solomon said. "What ends up happening, everybody ends up learning from everybody else which is a very cool thing about the program."

An inside-out course is part of a program that has been running for 25 years, starting at Temple University by professor Lori Pompa. One semester, Pompa decided to teach one of her courses in a local prison, and it was so successful, the program reached beyond Temple. Over the past 25 years, the program developed from a single course being taught in a prison to hundreds of courses being taught every year across the world. Many of these courses are taught in Pennsylvania, as this state is the birth place of the program.

The current course, 'Science, Technology, and Society,' calls in question different perspectives

of the past and present world, and the inside-out portion of it allows for an array of different backgrounds and experiences to drive the conversation. A general class session mimics one at Bucknell, where both the incarcerated and Bucknell students will break into groups and discuss course material that Solomon assigns.

Bucknell University used to host multiple inside-out courses, but the COVID-19 pandemic put a halt on them. Because of Solomon and Professor Coralynn Davis, who plays an integral role in community engaged learning, faculty brought back the program and solidified it in Bucknell's curriculum.

According to Solomon, an inside-out class has been remarked by past students as "among the most significant experiences in their entire lives, with both inside and outside students saying that, as well as faculty."

He said that students learn to look beyond stereotypical labels, such as "convict" or "prisoner," when exposed to the incarcerated students, and general remorse over the fact that these "are people who made one mistake years ago" and appreciate their background and pursuit of knowledge.

"The way in which people are brought up, such as someone who believed science was a geeky subject when they were younger, really allows for an exposure to different perspectives who now comment that now that they're older, science is something worth pursuing," Solomon said.

While Solomon loves teaching the course, he will not be teaching any inside-out course next year, but encourages all Bucknell students of any major to partake in the five available inside-out courses that will be offered in the Fall semester of 2023.

One past incarcerated student told Solomon years ago that it was a new experience but it felt "very organic and not forced at all." The student said that seeing other students helped push them out of their comfort zone.

For more information, Solomon said to visit [Insideoutcenter.org](http://Insideoutcenter.org).

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# Bucknell University and Lycoming College collaborate to present bestselling author talks

Kelsey Werkheiser  
News Co-Editor

New York Times bestselling author Ann Leary will lecture at both Bucknell University and Lycoming College about her book, "The Foundling," a historical fiction novel based on the Laurelton Village for Feeble-Minded Girls and Women of Childbearing Age in Union County, Pa.

Bucknell will host Leary on March 7 at 7 p.m. in Bucknell Hall. Lycoming will host her on March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Troegner Presentation Room in the Krapf Gateway Center.

These events are free and open to the public, and copies of "The Foundling" will be available for purchase.

The Laurelton Village for Feeble-Minded Girls and Women of Childbearing Age, opened in 1917, was used to segregate and care for "feeble-minded" women aged 16 to 45. The facility's principles were rooted in eugenics as well as the premise that one's intellect or mental deficiency is hereditary. It was believed that the segregation of those individuals was crucial to ensure they did not reproduce and pass down those genetics.

In addition to speaking about her book, Leary will address the research that she did on the institution itself and its historical significance and answer attendee questions during a Q&A period.

"Through my own historical research on the State Industrial Home for Muncy, I became aware of the connections between the real superintendent of Laurelton, Dr. Mary Wolfe, and Bucknell University," Kerry Richmond, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Lycoming College and chair of the department, said. "With Ann planning to visit the area, it seemed like a

great opportunity for her to also speak at Bucknell, which is coincidentally the alma mater of both of her parents. Both institutions are thrilled to have the opportunity to host such a celebrated author, and one that has researched and written about a topic that is relevant to such a broad range of our academic programs."

"The Foundling' brings to light the complex interconnectedness of science, gender norms and politics in the early 20th century," Erica Delsandro, Assistant Professor of Women's & Gender Studies at Bucknell, said. "Ann's research into the history of Laurelton Village brings this history home. We are eager to host Ann's return to the area and look forward to conversations that will emerge from her visit."

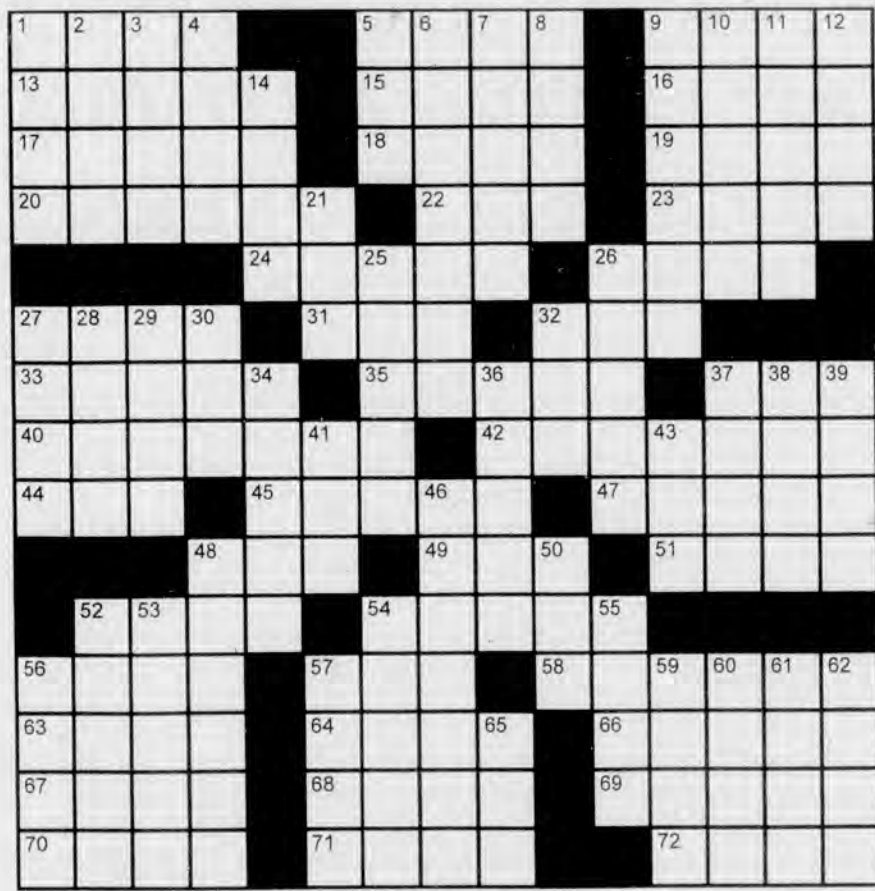
Leary is a New York Times bestselling author of a memoir and four novels, including "The Good House." Her work has been translated into 18 languages, and she has written for "The New York Times," "Ploughshares," "NPR," "Redbook" and "Real Simple," among other publications. Her essay, "Rallying to Keep the Game Alive," was adapted for Prime Video's television series, "Modern Love." She lives with her husband, actor Denis Leary, in New York.

The talk at Bucknell is sponsored by the departments of Women's & Gender Studies, History, Sociology & Anthropology and Psychology, as well as the University Lectureship Committee and Stadler Center for Poetry & Literary Arts.

The March 8 talk at Lycoming is sponsored by the departments of Criminal Justice-Criminology, English, Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies, History and Anthropology-Sociology as well as the College's Humanities Research Center.

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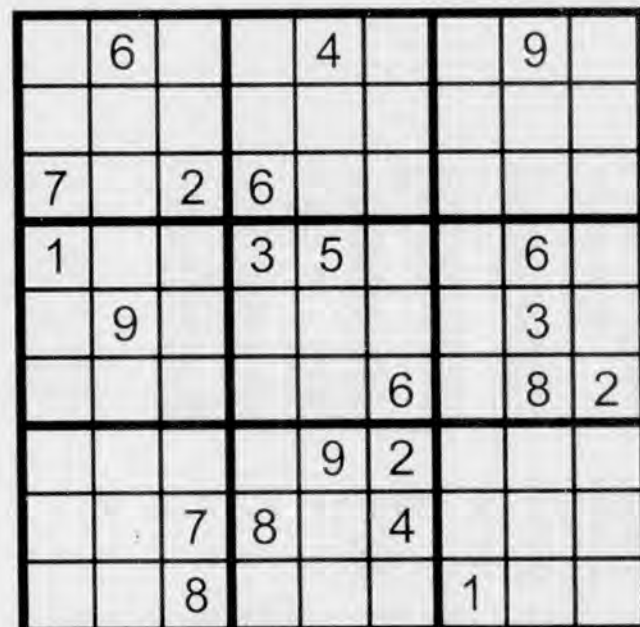
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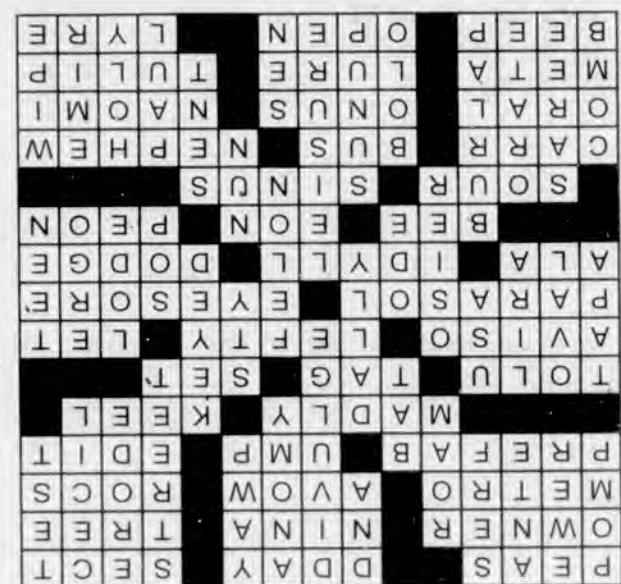
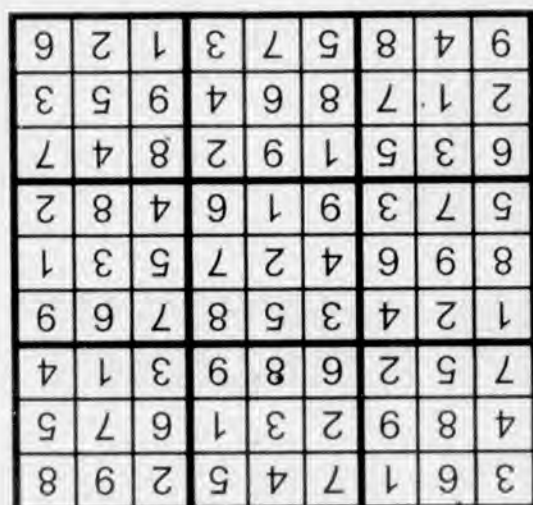
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# Bucknell introduces new course: Caf Aux 101 (MUSC)

Aaron Chin  
Satire Co-Editor

When it comes to world-class dining, the Bostwick Marketplace is one venue that comes to everyone's mind. From premier food to impeccable service, the Bostwick Marketplace really does deliver on all cylinders. Perhaps the best aspect of this premier dining experience is, strangely, the music.

It's abundantly clear that every single cafeteria worker has wonderful music taste. From "Let it Go" to the SpongeBob theme song, there is something for everyone.

"I actually gained my love of music from Bostwick," sophomore Droppa Beat said, a current Music major here at Bucknell. "My hit new album Sauté Sizzle is inspired by my time waiting for hours on end in the Sauté line. You can find it on all streaming platforms on June 9th, and my Instagram handle is @BostwickBarzzzz."

The University has taken notice of Bostwick's success. They even hired a few of the cafeteria workers to become full-time, tenured professors to teach a class called "Caf Aux 101." The class consists of music majors and non-majors alike that want to learn how to curate the perfect playlist for any occasion.

We sat down with one of the professors for the new course, Ariana Venti, and asked her about some of the ways she creates a perfect set of songs. Professor Venti is one of many

Caf Aux professors, as there are 30 sections of the class due to high demand.

"The key is to vary your style," Venti said. "You can't have more than two of the same artists in a row. People will get bored that way. Unless it's Ariana Grande; I do consider myself quite the #Arianator."

This approach could very well explain why one student named Ken Fused reported hearing "How to Save a Life," by The Fray immediately followed by Katy Perry's hit 2010 masterclass in modern pop music, "California Gurls."

"I was confused at first, but then I kind of liked it," Fused said. "As I listened to Katy Perry's hypnotically beautiful voice, it was like I was put in a trance by a mesmerizing, kaleidoscopic, radioactive brainwave of awesome music. It was totally rad, and that's why I signed up for Caf Aux 101!"

Leading by example is also an approach the new professors use. Bostwick has its own playlist on Spotify called "BeRealBostwickDining," and the first exam in the class involved memorizing the playlist order and writing a three to five page, double spaced essay about why the playlist is perfect.

Because Caf Aux 101 has just started, they are still allowing students to switch into the class, so be sure to register before it's too late!

# RateMyProfessor changes to DateMyProfessor for V-Day

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Contributing Writer

Love is in the air, and RateMyProfessor has decided to branch out into the dating app realm, giving lonely students the ability to bag someone they have been staring at all semester. The app, DateMyProfessor, is now available for download in the United States and Canada on all mobile devices, and supports up to 1,200 colleges and universities, including Bucknell. It's used by an estimated 58 percent of all Bucknell professors, tenured or not, so you are likely to find who you are looking for!

As our first testers reported, the app works much like Tinder or Grindr, with a photo-based matching system, a uselessly vague profile description, and an entirely sex-based vibe. Swiping does seem to get you more results than usual, and you will obviously see a lot more familiar faces on it than average. Of course, one major distinction between this and other dating apps is that upon first signing in you are required to use Duo Push to ensure that you are a student or faculty member. Just to stay safe.

The Bucknellian reached out to one of the professors who uses the service, who agreed to speak on the condition of anonymity. The professor

found the service to be "great for hooking up without consequences" and that it "ensured that I don't have to flirt with townies anymore." An anonymous student praising the service said that "without this I would have never known if my overt sexual flirting in the google doc comments was going anywhere!"

The appearance of this new app has caused a fair amount of anger here on campus. One angry group that The Bucknellian reached out for comment, Bucknell Matchmaking, said that the new app "completely ruined their ability to serve the Bucknell community" and that "dating/relationships between a professor and a student is something that only [they] can set up properly."

Even though the downloads of this app have skyrocketed among the faculty, you shouldn't be fooled into thinking that this is your chance to get an easy A or even an easy O. According to the app's terms of service, professors are banned from giving preferential treatment to any student in class at risk of losing their jobs. So The Bucknellian believes that there is no reason to give up Tinder yet, unless the professor is at least a solid 7 or 8.

# Top 5 best things to get your Valentine this year

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Staff Writer

Valentine's Day can often be a stressful holiday as folks strive to impress their loved ones with the best presents. Are you having trouble thinking of gifts for your Valentine? Here are some unique ideas to really impress your significant other.

## Your caf guest swipes

Since the guest swipes come with most dining plans, you do not have to put much effort into this present. You and your Valentine can eat expensive meals at Bucknell's world-renowned Bostwick Marketplace. The venue has many options that you can just grab yourself. At this five star dining experience, there are no waiters, so there is no need to tip. The venue even provides superb musical

accompaniment in the form of the caf Spotify playlist.

## Cleaning supplies

Is your Valentine's dorm dirty? Do you smell a strange stench emanating from their garbage when you enter their room? Give them a subtle hint by buying them cleaning supplies. This will help them improve the cleanliness of their room. Maybe you can get them to come over to your place and clean your dorm, too.

## Clothing (Even when you don't know their size)

You can never go wrong buying someone clothing. Not only can you improve someone's style, but you can show you really know them. Even if you don't know someone's size, just make an estimate. If they are

truly your Valentine, they will find a way to fit into your gift.

## Half Eaten Box of Chocolates

Chocolate is the traditional Valentine's day gift. Why not put a spin on this classic by eating half of the box yourself? This will signal to your Valentine that your gift is irresistible. It will also let them know that you are open to sharing in your relationship.

## Perfume

If you want your Valentine to smell better, perfume is a great way to get them to improve their scent. And if you aren't sure what scent to give them, buy the same product you liked that your ex wore. Or better yet, buy a perfume or cologne that your parents have. This way, you know you will like the smell on your Valentine.

# "Love Letters to Lewi" Misinterpreted, Louis's Mailbox is Flooded

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Satire Co-Editor

Scrolling through Instagram, one seldom refreshes their feed without seeing photos of one of three things: super, sunsets or the quad. These posts always feature a group of girls crouched beside one another with their studded tumblers in hand. The Instagram homogeneity doesn't stop at the scenery; their captions are always identical to one another. Of all the basic captions, the most used is the iconic "love letters to Lewi," followed by some sort of heart emoji.

When the mailroom workers were insta-stalking all of the students who received packages, they realized they all seemed to be sending letters to this unknown recipient in their captions. Who is Lewi? Why were so many students sending him love letters? They knew that Lewi must not be receiving these letters since they weren't being sent out via Bucknell's mail service.

Whata shame Lewi hasn't been getting his endearing notes!

Bucknell Mailroom Manager Q. Pidd was particularly unsettled by this. Pidd has been lonely since he found out his wife, fellow mailroom employee Val Entyne, was having an affair with one of Bucknell's janitors and filed for a divorce. Pidd first brought all of his ex-wife's belongings to the Switchboard. After he got his anger out, he decided to make it his goal to bring the love to others that he lacked in his own life. So, in the spirit of Valentine's Day, Pidd decided to send Lewi all of his missed letters to gift him with some love.

To begin, Pidd printed images of every Bucknellian who captioned their Instagram post promising a loving note to our friend Lewi. He encased each image in a scented pink envelope and sealed each one with a kiss.

The next step was to find Lewi in Bucknell's mailing system. Strangely enough, it didn't appear that there were

any students possessing this name. Perhaps Lewi is a townie, Pidd thought. After breaking into every private residence in Lewisburg, however, Pidd failed to find any documentation including this name. He would have to expand his scope. After scouring the internet, Pidd still found no evidence of Lewi. This all changed when he changed his search term from "Lewi" to "Louis" on Whitepages. After doing so, the following names and addresses were produced:

Louis Vuitton; 431 Yellow Brick Road, Narnia, Ohio 17837.

King Louis XIV; 56 Sojka Pavilion, Neverland, Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry 90210.

These were clearly the intended recipients of the letters! The girls all must have coincidentally made the same typo in their posts.

Pidd addressed the hundreds of letters accordingly, placed them into the mailbox, and closed it with a smile.

# Bucknell Matchmaking goes wrong; only matches siblings

Aaron Chin  
Satire Co-Editor

February, the season of love, can often be a time of happiness and joy for those with a significant other. However, for all of the singletons out there, this time of year can be tough to get through. Many people searching for love turn to online dating apps such as Tinder and Bumble to solve their relationship troubles. But don't fret, Bucknellians, there is a more reliable source: Bucknell Matchmaking.

Bucknell Matchmaking is essentially the online equivalent of that one trustworthy, gossip-filled friend that swears they know the perfect person for you. And they do. All you have to do is scan one of the many QR codes around campus, fill out the form, and wait for your match! Some questions on the form included "Where on Bucknell's campus would be the perfect first date?" and "Why is Bostwick the perfect place for a first date?"

Historically, Bucknell Matchmaking has been very successful. In fact, President Bravman actually met his

wife, Wendelin Wright through Bucknell Matchmaking. Bravman has reported, "We are definitely the Wright fit for each other!"

This year, the matchmaking service's results took a different turn, and many students have complained about their matches. For example, several students reported matching with their own siblings.

One freshman named Auld R. Cister had this happen to her.

"I filled out the form just for fun," explained Cister. "I was hoping to find a good, honest, and stand-up person. Instead, I got my sister!" Needless to say, Auld was shocked by this outcome.

The Cister sisters were just one of many cases. For example, there were also the Crother brothers and the Minh twins.

Mark Crother filled out the form three weeks ago, and was anxiously anticipating his match. He brought flowers and an '80s style boombox and even picked a song to blast outside the person's dorm window. Unfortunately,

he was appalled to see that his brother, Crocker Crother, came outside when he blasted "Total Eclipse of the Heart."

Amanda Minh filled out the form in the hopes of finding her future wife, trying to live up to the quota of 1/5 of Bucknell students finding their spouse on campus. Instead, she was paired with her sister, who actually goes to Valentine University, and her dreams faded quickly.

We interviewed the head of Bucknell Matchmaking, Felon Tusk, to get the scoop on this phenomenon.

"I can't see why this is happening," said Tusk. "We meticulously reviewed every single submission. We set up shop in the 7th Street Studio and Makerspace for a week. We called it the Match-Makerspace. We locked ourselves in there for a week, and I prohibited my workers from sleeping to maximize efficiency. I don't see where I could have gone wrong!"

While Tusk and his team re-evaluate the issue, all we can do is hope it turns out better next year.



# Bucknell professors earn tenure

Academic tenure is the employment status of professors. The promotion raises their status from assistant to associate professor. Receiving tenure represents a strong relationship between the university and the professor, and is a notion that suggests the professor will continue to research and teach at Bucknell.

Tenured professors are only let go under extreme circumstances, which allows for professors to have academic freedom and be able to truly focus on their intellectual interests and passions. As long as the professors are still meeting core curriculum requirements, they can publish and research any material they please.

Multiple Bucknell professors received their tenure promotion this year on Jan. 30. Some of these professors include Eddy López, Erica Delsandro, Jaye Austin Williams and Paul Barba. These highlighted professors come from various departments, art and art history, women and gender studies, critical black studies and history.

## Eddy López



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With tenure Professor López is an Associate Professor of Studio Art and an Affiliate Faculty Member in Latin American Studies. López was born in Nicaragua in the midst of a revolution and war. He has used these memories or war to reflect his style of art with "abstractions of vibrant colors, patterns and shapes."

Print Media is one of López's artistic specialties. He uses "big data, averaging algorithms, and print media to create wide-scale collage compositions that try to find meaning in a chaotic world." He also has had multiple exhibits displayed around the world. These include the International Print Center New York, The Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing and the Janet Turner Print Museum, along with many others.

Professor López has had many solo exhibitions and is also a part of several group exhibitions. Some classes he is teaching during this spring semester are Printmaking 1 and Interface and Web design. Titles of his work and more information on Professor López can be found on his profile on the Bucknell website.

The newly titled Associate Professor Erica Delsandro teaches different levels of classes within the Women's and Gender Studies department. Having gone to Bucknell herself, she now shares her vast knowledge with fortunate students who are able to take a class with her.

Outside of her class, she has a significant presence on campus, giving different presentations on critical topics about gender, social constructs, sexuality and more. In January, she spoke with members of the Greek Life community on the topic of "Social Scene and Power," a prominent issue to discuss with Bucknell students.

In the works for Professor Delsandro is a co-edited collection of a three-article series. It is entitled "Women Writers and the Making of Modernism," and its objective is to pair "the modernist author Virginia Woolf with a more contemporary author through the lens of feminism and gender politics."

## Erica Delsandro



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## Jaye Austin Williams



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Teaching in the Critical Black Studies department, Jaye Austin Williams is now an Associate Professor. For the 2022-23 academic year Professor Williams is also serving as the Critical Black Studies Interim Department Chair.

Aside from being a professor, Williams is also a director, playwright and actor. She has had work on Broadway and in many off-Broadway productions. She is a specialist in "the melding of drama theory, cinema and performance with Critical Black Studies." She also travels the world giving lectures that analyze structural racism.

Classes that Professor Williams is teaching this semester include Black Film and Anti Blackness, and Approaches to CBST. In the past she has also taught classes such as "Radical Black Drama and Performance," "Cinema and the Performance of Slavery," "Approaches to Critical Black Studies" and "Vampires and Zombies."

Paul Barba is another Professor to have recently received academic tenure. Barba is now an Associate Professor of History and an Affiliated Faculty Member in Critical Black Studies.

Some of the major areas of study for Professor Barba are Native Americans, Slavery and Colonialism. In Barba's first book, "Country of the Cursed and the Driven" (University of Nebraska Press, 2021), he studies the unique slaving regimes of "Hispanic, Comanche and Anglo-American communities in the 18th- and 19th-century Texas borderlands."

The expansion of European colonialism is of particular interest to Barba and the impacts it had on Native and African-descended people. Barba is also a contributor to the "Journal of the Civil War Era" Muster Blog, and his tenure in the history department will be a great addition to Bucknell.

This semester, he teaches history classes such as "Making the US through Violence" and "American Abolition."

## Paul Barba



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# sports

B1 — February 17, 2023

## Men's Tennis defeats Saint Francis (Pa.)

Clara McCormick  
Sports Editor

Bucknell Men's Tennis faced a fellow Pennsylvania University, Saint Francis (Pa.) and defeated the team easily 6-1.

In the singles matches, the Bison were rather impressive, winning five out of six. These winners consisted of Harrison Gold '24 at No. 1, Amar Tahirovic '26 at No. 2, Michael Owen '23 at No. 3, Nick Mueller '23 at No. 4 and Tim Zelikovskiy '24 at No. 5.

While his teammates defeated their opponents in two sets, Tahirovic had a comeback match after falling in the first set 6-2.

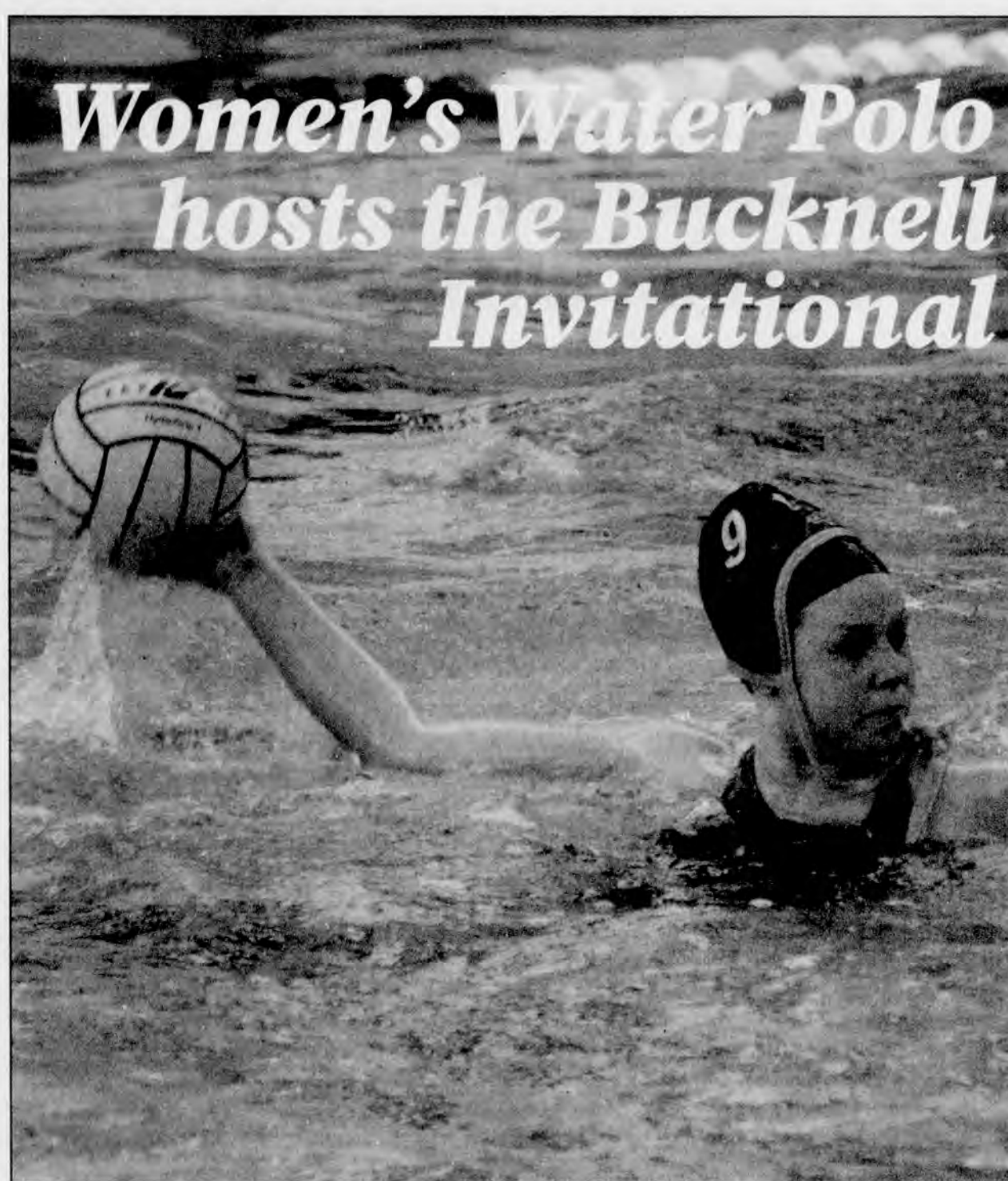
"In the beginning of the match, I wasn't really on the ball and making much in the first set," Tahirovic said. "I tried to keep resilient and it worked. After losing the set 6-2, coach said a few words about what I could change. I stuck with that and ended up turning the match around. Personally it was a good win for me because I had played him back in the fall and it was a

tight match then as well."

On the doubles end, Gold paired up with teammate Brendan McDonald '26 at No. 1 to defeat their Red Flash competitors 6-3, and seniors Mueller and Owen teamed-up at No. 3 to win 6-1. These wins secured the doubles point for the Orange and Blue.

"The team definitely stayed disciplined throughout the entire match, which was good for us after what had happened versus Villanova," Tahirovic said. "After securing the doubles point, we stayed focused to end up winning the match as a whole just after the first round of singles. There was great energy all around, and I look forward to keeping up that same energy throughout the two upcoming matches this weekend."

Men's Tennis continues their search for wins as they face Howard University and Coppin State this weekend.



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Brooke Tracey  
Senior Writer

Bison Women's Water Polo opened their home season for 2023 season this past weekend, hosting the Bucknell Invitational. The Orange and Blue battled Michigan and Saint Francis (Pa.) to hard-fought losses on Saturday, Feb. 11, before beating Villanova on Sunday, Feb. 12. The Bison finished the weekend 2-1.

The Orange and Blue opened up the weekend against conference foe, University of Michigan. Ranked No. 9 in the nation, the Wolverines took the lead early in the match, scoring the first three goals. The Bison found the back of the net in the first period off

of a Bella Schraa '26 goal. This was not enough to start a comeback, however, as the Wolverines scored nine more unanswered goals. The match ended 12-1 in favor of Michigan.

The Bison returned to play in the afternoon, taking on another conference competitor, Saint Francis (Pa.). Both teams combined for seven goals in the first period, with the Red Flash holding a slight lead 4-3. The Bison were able to regain the lead at 5-4, but the Red Flash closed out the half leading 9-7. While the Orange and Blue battled well into the second half, the Red Flash were able to pull away, beating the Bison 16-11.

The Bison finished the weekend against Villanova on Sunday. The Orange and Blue started the match off

strong with a 4-0 run. The Wildcats continued to compete, as the Bison lead narrowed to 5-4 heading into halftime. The game remained close throughout the second half, with an additional nine goals being scored between both teams. It was a penalty shot taken by Boati Motau '25 that broke the 9-9 tie and led the Bison to a 10-9 victory.

The Orange and Blue are back on the road next weekend, as they travel to Erie, Pa. to compete in the Curtis Robinette Memorial Tournament. They will first face Iona on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m., followed by a two-game series on Sunday, Feb. 19. The Orange and Blue will begin the day against La Salle at 10:30 a.m. and close out the weekend against St. Francis College, Brooklyn at 2:15 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

### Men's and Women's Track and Field

- vs Bucknell Tune Up 2/17

### Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving

- vs Patriot League Championships 2/17-2/18

### Baseball

- @ Louisville 2/17 3 p.m.

### Softball

- @ Quinnipiac 2/17 3 p.m.

### Wrestling

- vs Princeton 2/17 7 p.m.

### Women's Tennis

- @ St. Bonaventure 2/18 10 a.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

- @ Richmond 2/18 11:30 a.m.

### Women's Basketball

- vs Boston University 2/18 1 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

- @ Boston University 2/18 1 p.m.

### Men's Tennis

- @ Howard 2/18 1 p.m.

### Women's Lacrosse

- @ Marist 2/18 1 p.m.

### Women's Water Polo

- @ Iona 2/18 2 p.m.

## Women's Basketball's win streak continues

Charlotte Dursee  
Staff Writer

Bucknell women's basketball picked back up Feb. 8 against Navy at home. Cecilia Collins '25 led with 20 points and Emma Shaffer '23 and Tai Johnson '23 both scored in the double digits to contribute to the Bison's 70-49 victory.

The first quarter resulted in a 19-4 lead for the Orange and Blue. Collins hit a three-pointer 29 seconds into the game to set the tone for what would come the rest of the night. The four points by Navy were the fewest points scored in a quarter by the team this season.

Navy was able to get within seven points during the second quarter, after draining back to back threes early in the period. The Bison responded with a 10-2 run to close out the half.

The third quarter looked very similar to the first half, with an immediate 8-0 run by Shaffer, Emma Theodorsson '26 and Isabella King '24. The Bison managed to lead by 22 points, the biggest point differential of the night.

Navy came out strong to start the final quarter of the game. They managed to narrow the Bison lead to 59-45. Johnson, Shaffer, Collins and King managed an 8-0 run to seal the deal.

Following the win against Navy, the Bison traveled to upstate New York to take on Colgate. Collins and Shaffer each had impressive performances yet again. Collins led with 17 points and Shaffer finished with 14 points and 15 rebounds (her sixth career double-double). King and Johnson also played key roles in the Bison's comeback win.

Throughout the first quarter, Colgate and Bucknell traded baskets back and forth. This came to an end when Remi Sisselman '25 pulled off an impressive three point play. The first quarter ended 11-8 with the Bison ahead.

Colgate took control early in the second quarter with a 4-0 run. This was soon responded to by the Orange and Blue with their own 7-2 run. After this, both teams struggled to score until Colgate pulled off a layup on a fast break. Collin's had seven of her 17 points in the second quarter. The half ended with Bison up 22-18.

Colgate managed to take back the lead closer to the end of the quarter, making the score 26-25. Shaffer pulled off a three pointer to help recapture the lead and set in motion an 9-0 Bison run. The score was 34-26 when Colgate responded with their own run to take a 36-35 lead to end the third quarter.

King's first and only three points came in the fourth quarter to put the Bison up one final time. The Bison went on to hold the lead, points coming from Johnson, on a layup, and Shaffer, on a free throw. Colgate pulled off a couple points but would never come close enough. The Bison finished by making six free throws and finished with a 50-44 win.

The Bison now have a record of 11-13 and 7-6 in Patriot League play. The Orange and Blue look to keep up this strong play in their next game on Feb. 18 against Boston University.



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## Bucknell Women's Lacrosse falls to Nittany Lions

Madison Rehak  
Staff Writer

This past weekend, the Bison Women's Lacrosse team had their season opener against a highly competitive opponent, Penn State. This was a hard fought battle for the Orange and Blue, but unfortunately, it was not the result they had hoped for.

The game started out strong with a possession draw for the Bison, made possible by Ella Payer '23. Emily Baird '24 came up with the ball and fed it to Carly Cenci '25, putting the Bison on the board first in the game.

Two minutes later, the Bison scored again with a goal from Caroline Miller '23, assisted by Tatum Kohlbrener '24.

At around the 9:15 minute mark, Penn State was able to secure their first goal of the game and was followed by another eight consecutive goals in the half, the score being 3-10 in favor of the Nittany Lions.

The Bison were able to put up three more goals in the second half, but the Nittany

Lions put up six more goals. The final score of the game was 6-16.

Despite the loss, the game was the closest ending result in the past 17 competitions between the two teams.

Katie Browne '26 made her rookie debut scoring two goals in her first collegiate game. The rest of the goals were scored by Cenci, Miller, Allie Boyce '25 and Taylor Kopan '24.

The closeness of this match is also credited to goalkeeper Symone Ryans '23, as she made a career-high 16 saves.

"We were all excited for the opportunity to play such a competitive team so close by," Payer said. "We played hard from the start and never gave up. Now we know the adjustments needed as we move forward with our season. Overall it was a great learning experience and the team is ready to face UMBC."

The Bison will travel to Marist for another matchup this Saturday Feb. 18.



## Softball opens their season with a bang

Tallulah Fuhs  
Contributing Writer

Bucknell softball began their 2023 season in South Carolina on Feb. 10 through 12 in tournament play.

The first opponent of the day was George Washington University. Right off the bat in the first inning, Chase Knapp '23 reached third base, Zoie Smith '24 walked and Savannah Jones '25 had her first career hit with an RBI single. The Bison were in the lead.

Starting pitcher Madison Roukey '25 had a great game, throwing five scoreless innings. The bottom of the first inning was a bit scary with a leadoff single and two-out walk from George Washington, but Roukey was able to stay on her game, continuing to strikeout the ladies of George Washington for the next four innings.

Sadly, the Bison ladies were not able to finish with this lead. Smith started the sixth inning with a single at-bat, but the Bison could not capitalize.

Jones entered the pitching circle, but the Colonials of George Washington were pushing hard, coming up with a single.

Then, in the top of the seventh, the Colonials were able to get off with a home run, a single, a walk and a third base steal. This allowed George Washington to walk away with a 2-1 win.

USC Upstate was Bucknell's next opponent. Kaiya Burton '23 started in the circle for Bucknell. USC Upstate was able to score in the bottom of the first inning and the bottom of the second inning. Burton was able to hold off

the Spartans and rallied three straight outs in a row.

Angelina Seropian '26 led the top of the third inning with her first collegiate career hit: a double to right field. The Bison were not able to exploit this opportunity, though.

The bottom of the third allowed the Spartans to gain a bigger lead. Olivia Marinelli '23 stepped into the circle, but the Spartans were able to steal bases and hit singles, making the score 8-0.

Hunter Vestal '24 entered the game pitching for the Bison and obtained two more outs to end the inning. She also did not allow the Spartans to score in the fourth inning.

Marissa Rapino '26 had her first collegiate career hit with a single to left field in the fifth inning, but another struck out, and the game ended 8-0.

The Bison came out the next day ready to compete. Facing the Maine Black Bears, the Bison started the first two innings with two home runs from Kenzie Hilling '25 and Knapp.

In addition, Bison Softball scored two more runs in the first inning and four more in the second, leading the game at 7-0.

Maine scored their first run in the bottom of the fourth inning, but that did not stop the Bison from scoring a single run in the bottom of the sixth.

Maine scored one more run in the bottom of the seventh, but pitcher Roukey was able to hold Maine off and clinch Bucknell's first win in 2023. The final score was 8-2.

The last game was against one of the Bison's previous competitors: USC Upstate.

The Spartans started with their first run in the second inning. Bucknell, in the third inning, immediately countered on an RBI single by Smith.

Over the next two innings, USC Upstate was able to lead over the Bison with three runs, but that did not stop the Bison. Sophomore Hilling bombed an RBI double in the top of the fifth.

USC was able to land one more run during the bottom of the fifth. The Bison girls almost made a comeback at the top of the seventh. Knapp was able to knock in one run, sending her teammate Elena Horn '25 home.

The Bucknell Bison, though, were not able to clinch the lead, making the score 5-4.

This attempted comeback, compared to their first game, showed that the Bison softball team is ready to compete at a high level and make their presence known in their upcoming games.

"I think this weekend showed a lot of potential for our team this year," Juliette Basso '25 said. "We had three really competitive games, and it will only go up from here. Our defense was very good, and we found a lot of ways to score runs. Having tough games like this early in the season will help us win competitive conference games later in our season. I am really excited to see what this team is going to accomplish!"

Sadly, the Bison did not compete against George Washington again the next day due to a rainstorm, but they will be back on Feb. 17 at the NSU-Hampton Classic.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Cecilia Collins '25

### Profile

#### Sport

Basketball

#### Hometown

Scranton, P.A.

#### High School

Scranton Prep

#### Position

Guard



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Caleb Wooten

Staff Writer

Bucknell Women's Basketball has been playing outstandingly, as they extend their winning streak to five games. This win streak is currently the second longest in the Patriot League.

In the team's victories over Colgate and Navy, sophomore captain Cecilia Collins '25 showed exactly why she was voted as a member of the Preseason All-Patriot League Team.

Despite missing over a month due to injury, Collins has come back better than ever. In the Bison's last two wins, the sophomore sensation is averaging 18.5 points per game on 61.9 percent from the field, 50 percent from three and 83 percent from the free throw line, while also adding in 3.0 assists per game.

"When I first came back from injury, I was mainly just trying to shake the rust off," Collins said. "These past two games I've been able to start to get my rhythm back which has been really nice. Winning obviously helps, and my teammates have been finding me in all the right places, which has made everything go even better. I'm also still trying to get back to 100 percent, as I'm still dealing with a bit of soreness, so I'm just trying to do what I can in order to be ready for the end of the year."

Collins has seemingly shaken off all rust in only a little time and has continued to lead the group to success.

The current sophomore is coming off of a historic rookie season, where she was Second Team All-Patriot League and

made the Patriot League All-Rookie Team as well as the the Patriot League All-Tournament Team. Throughout the 2022 season, she was also a four-time Patriot League Rookie of the Week.

This year, Collins has had major expectations, as she has been tasked with helping lead a talented young team.

"This winning streak has been really good for us, especially considering how young we are," Collins said. "We have beaten some really good teams and it's definitely helped propel us and build key momentum for the rest of the year. So many underclassmen have been key contributors for us, and everyone's done a great job. For me, I just have to let the game come to me and help my teammates in any way possible. If everyone continues to trust each other, I think we can win a lot of games."

The Orange and Blue look to continue their hot streak at home against Boston University on Saturday Feb. 18.

#### Career Stats

- 2023 Preseason All-Patriot League Team  
- 2022 Second Team All-Patriot League  
- Four-time Patriot League Rookie of the Week



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## Bucknell Wrestling battles hard, falls 32-6 to Lehigh

Noor Kaur  
Sports Editor

The Bison wrestlers competed against league opponent Lehigh on Friday evening.

Dylan Chappell (149) '25 began the evening with a win, forcing an overtime in the third period to come back from a 4-1 deficit. The sophomore is second on the roster with 22 wins this season.

"I have moved up a weight class this season from 141 pounds, now competing at 149," Chappell said. "I have shifted my focus, having to compete with a greater awareness against bigger, stronger opponents."

I knew before the first whistle that I would need to wrestle with high energy for the whole match if I wanted to win. I was in a tough position after I went down by four points early, but my determination to win the match forced overtime after getting a late takedown in regulation to tie the score at six. I continued my offense into the overtime period to secure a takedown and win the match. This win builds my confidence as the EIWA championships approach as I look to qualify for the NCAA tournament."

Kurt Phipps (133) '24 competed hard against his opponent, remaining tied 2-2 in the second period before falling with a narrow 6-4. This was Phipps' first loss since Jan. 6.

Teammate Dorian Crosby (285) '24 also fought hard but faced his first dual loss of the season.

After Lehigh won eight straight bouts, the night ended with a win from Darren Miller (141) '23. Ranked 32 on the "Intermat" ratings, Miller won his match with a score of 4-2, earning his 17th win of the season.

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# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### Kansas City takes Super Bowl LVII

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Senior Writer

The NFL season finally came to a head last Sunday in Super Bowl LVII where the Kansas City Chiefs played the Philadelphia Eagles at the State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. It was a tight game, with both the Chiefs and the Eagles remaining relatively close to each other in score throughout the match.

The end of the game saw the two teams tied at 35 with relatively little time left. This fourth quarter proved to be the decider for the match, as the Chiefs held their position in front of the goal line until the last couple seconds of the game.

A field goal by Harrison Butker with eight seconds left in the match put the Chiefs ahead of the Eagles at 38-35. Despite the Eagles attempt to come back with

one last deep throw, quarterback Jalen Hurts' arm fell short and the ball fell to the ground. With this play, the Chiefs won the Super Bowl.

This game was not without its complications. Two controversies arose from this match, one about the field and one about the refereeing.

The first was the grass in State Farm Stadium. This grass is different from many of the fields in the NFL. The stadium itself is quite unique because outside of football, the area holds banquets and consumer events. To accomplish this, the field is built on retracting rollers so that it can be rolled away whenever needed. The roof on the stadium is also retractable, and is only opened during the daytime to expose the

grass to sun when needed, and closed at night.

The specific grass itself is natural grass, classified as Tahoma 31. Despite the field and stadium occasionally being referred to as "revolutionary," it didn't appear so during the game. Both teams seemed to be losing their footing and slipping on plays. Fans could see key players like Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes slipping on several running plays, as well as Chiefs running back Isiah Pacheco slipping during his touchdown celebration.

The grass caused several players to change their cleats, including Philadelphia quarterback Hurts. While the coaches and players stressed it wasn't an excuse for faulty plays or the score of the game, it was clear

it did affect certain players and their movement.

The other complication was the controversial calls by the referees that had fans up in arms throughout the game; the most notable being the call in the final moments of the game.

With a little under two minutes left, with the ball in the Chiefs' possession, it seemed as though Kansas City was going to have to kick a field goal and return the ball to the Eagles. Instead, a flag was thrown on the play. Juju Smith-Schuster, a Kansas City wide receiver, was held back on the play near the pylon, causing a holding call on Philadelphia defensive cornerback James Bradberry.

While the call was technically correct, it caused a lot of uproar by fans in real life and on social media. Many believed the call

to be nit-picky, and furthermore speculated that the game was "rigged." It was this call that led Kansas City back to a first down, where they kneeled the ball twice, running the clock down to 11 seconds to kick their winning field goal. This call could have literally changed the game.

Afterwards, Bradberry admitted to the holding, as minor as it was. The refereeing itself was not incorrect, but the discontentment that fans felt in the final moments of the game was palpable. In all, Super Bowl LVII had its great moments, and was all together an entertaining game. For Eagles fans specifically, it was a great disappointment, but each team has half the year to rebuild and try to come back for another great season this fall.



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## Men's Lacrosse falls just short to Robert Morris

Jamilie Atiyeh  
Staff Writer

This past weekend, Bucknell's campus was home for "College Lax Saturday," which featured a head to head battle between our very own Bison and the Robert Morris Colonials.

The game was a back-and-forth affair with a conclusion in favor of the opposing team.

Some great performances were put out by the Bison throughout the feat.

Following a strong start by the Colonials, Bucknell bounced back with a high scoring

second quarter, outscoring the Colonials 5-0.

With an assist provided by Dutch Furlong '24, Connor Davis '25 scored with 1:08 remaining in the first half, giving the Bison their first lead of the game at 6-5.

Right out of the gate in the second half, Will Hopkins '26 secured a goal to give the Bison a two-goal lead, but the Colonials came back, while managing to score a few more in the third quarter.

Both teams scored one goal in the fourth. Freshman Patriot League Rookie of the Week Michael Meyer '26, as well as Jack Feda '23 added goals to Bucknell's

tally. The game ended with a 9-12 loss for the Bison.

"We knew Robert Morris was going to be a very unorthodox team that would play hard for four quarters," Joe Scattareggia '23 said. "We did a lot of things well and so did they. In the end, we did not get the outcome we wanted but definitely learned a lot from the game. We travel to Richmond this weekend, who is another great team, and the Herd is ready to give them all we got."

Keep full horns out for the Bison as they hit the road for the first time this season to face Richmond Saturday, Feb. 18.

## Men's Basketball picks up nationally-televised win after two losses

Hugh Straine  
Staff Writer

Bucknell men's basketball picked up a huge 73-51 nationally-televised win at home versus American University on Monday night, following losses at Navy and versus Colgate.

The inability to take care of the basketball on offense was what decided the game for Bucknell in their two losses earlier in the week, as they had 14 turnovers against Navy and 18 against Colgate.

Andre Screen '24 was the scoring leader in both those games with 14 against Navy and 10 against Colgate.

Against the Raiders and Midshipmen, Jack Forrest '24 combined for 20 points on 8-21 shooting and 2-10 from three point range. Against American on Monday night, Forrest went for 25 points on 10-16 shooting and 5-7 from outside the arc.

Bucknell has appeared as a new team on offense since Forrest came back from injury a few weeks ago, and it

is easy to see the new realm it adds to their offensive game plan with his ability to catch and shoot in transition so well at times.

The defense was strong all week, as it has been for the entire conference play season for Bucknell. Over this three game stretch, Bucknell held its opponents to 46.2 percent shooting from the field.

"It was incredible having such a big crowd in Sojka," Rice said. "It definitely carried over into how we played during the game. We fed off the crowd's energy which allowed us to kind of dominate the game from start to finish. We really appreciate everyone who came out and need that same turnout next Saturday for senior day."

Next, the Bison will face conference rivals Boston University and Lehigh on Saturday Feb. 18 and Wednesday Feb. 22 respectively.

## Track and Field's success at Big Apple Invitational

Lauren Medeiros  
Staff Writer

Bucknell's Indoor Men's and Women's Track teams competed at the Big Apple Invitational in Staten Island, N.Y. this past Saturday.

On the men's side, the Bison achieved five IC4A qualifications and a new spot in the Bucknell record books.

Cooper Hyken '26 finished third in the 60 Meter Dash with a time of 6.92 and now stands seventh in the Bucknell history books, beating his previous best by 0.01.

Close to beating his personal record, Ethan Wolford-Tuffy '24 won gold with a time of 49.13 in the 400 meter dash.

Robert Feeney '24 finished his throwing event in third with a height of 57' 7," and John Calisi '23 placed sixth with a height of 55' 10 in the Weight Throw.

To clinch the fourth-place spot, Christian Cadmus '24 ran an excellent 4:13.83 Mile.

Three other Bison teammates earned second place finishes. Alex Simpson '24 ran 1:06.06 in the 500 Meter Dash, Tristan An '25 jumped silver in the High Jump with a

height of 6' 5.25" and Chris Sims '25 leaped 45' 1" in the Triple jump.

Furthermore, there were three athletes for Bucknell who scored in third place. Brian Scotto '25 ran 8.40 in the 60 Meter Hurdles, Colby Belczyk '25 raced 1:54.45 in the 800 Meter Run and Zachary Jelinek '26 ran 2:29.21 in the 1000 Meter Run.

Additionally, placing in third place was the Bucknell "A" 4x400 Meter Relay team of Rayven Sample '24, Simpson, Belczyk and Wolford-Tuffy with a time of 3:20.42.

More honorable mentions for the Bison were Anthony Zamarrá '23, placing fourth in Shot Put at 51' 4.25" and Matt Federovich '24 jumping 22' 2.25" to end in fifth place.

"The team performed amazingly well this weekend," Gardy Philogene '26 said. "Lots of talent and energy, and the spirit of competition was out of this world."

On the women's side, there were also several successful results, including six ECAC qualifications, and two top-ten Bucknell record book appearances.

Throughout the day, the team put everything into their events. For Abby Kates '24 and Bridget Lalonde

'23, they earned themselves a space in the record book. Kates leaped 5' 7" in the High Jump, clinching first place at the meet and fourth in Bucknell history. In the 200 Meter Dash, Lalonde set a new personal best of 25.07, which is 0.12 seconds better than her previous time. At the meet, Lalonde placed fifth place and earned eighth all-time in Bucknell's record book.

The six women who earned ECAC qualifications were Karen Hull '24 in the 60 Meter Hurdles, Meghan Quinn '24 in the 60 Meter Dash, Katherine Loew '25 in the 500 Meter Dash, Jessie Castellano '23 in the 400 Meter Dash, Ally Clarke '24 in the Mile Run and Abby Paczewski '24 in the 3000 Meter Run.

Several other athletes that stood out were Mariana Engleby '24 in the 1000 Meter Run, Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 in Shot Put and Lexi Gray '23 in the Triple Jump. Additionally, the Bison 4x400 Meter Relay consisting of Mackenzie Turner '23, Loew, Alison Cooke '26 and Anna Posh '25, clinched the first place victory with a time of 3:54.91.

Bucknell prepares for the Patriot League Championships hosted by the Bison Tune-Up.

## Women's Tennis on the up and up

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Senior Writer

The Bison competed against both George Washington University and Washington and Lee this past weekend.

To start off the weekend versus George Washington, Tyne Miller '24 brought home her first spring win against her opponent with a 6-3, 6-3 decision. Miller and her teammate Anna Lajos '25 were also leading their No. 2 doubles match but ultimately fell to the Colonials 1-0.

The Bison ultimately fell to the Colonials 1-6.

With their second match of the weekend, the Bison were able to bring home a 6-3 win over Washington and Lee, playing best-of-nine with two

doubles wins and four singles wins.

Miller continued her winnings over the weekend with another singles win over the Generals as well as a doubles win with her teammate Anna Lajos.

Following them was teammate Abby Platt '26 with a win of her own. She then proceeded to team up with Whitney King '25 to win in the top doubles position.

Mirra Manolov '26 and Caroline Marcus '25 secured singles points to add to the team score by securing wins in the No. 5 and No. 6 singles spots, respectively.

The Bison will next travel to Olean, N.Y. where they'll compete against St. Bonaventure on Saturday, Feb. 18.



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# Potential spy balloon raises international tensions in Washington

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Opinions Editor

There are many parts of the world that still go untouched, from the depths of the ocean to the highest points of our atmosphere. Yet, much of the land, sea and air around the globe is accounted for, either delineated as international or national. A Chinese balloon entering U.S. airspace in early February called into question the legitimacy of these delineations and the impact of breaking international law on relationships between nations along with public opinion.

NPR outlines the timeline of events surrounding the balloon. On Feb. 2, news went public about an unidentified object flying in U.S. airspace. It was speculated that the object was a Chinese balloon used for surveillance, and China confirmed the next day that it was a Chinese balloon. However, they claimed that it was a weather balloon that had accidentally drifted over into US territory.

NPR notes that the equipment and sensors found on the balloon are not those typically found on a weather balloon. Since the first object, the US has shot down three more objects across the country. NPR explains that the House Intelligence Committee describes the shooting down of these subsequent objects as strictly precautionary.

China's response to the balloon controversy is two-fold.

They originally appeared regretful about the balloon and cite it as an accident. On Feb. 13, though, they took on a new tone. NPR explains this with China's accusations towards the U.S., that they had sent balloons into Chinese airspace "on more than 10 occasions [unauthorized] since January 2022." CNN notes that no specific details have been given by China about the location or type of U.S. balloons found in its airspace.

The mystery surrounding the balloon and subsequent objects in the United States has even put other nations on high-alert. BBC reports that Romania unsuccessfully sent fighter jets in search of an object believed to have gone into European airspace.

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This situation highlights the fundamental nature of international communication. Even if the balloon did accidentally drift into U.S. sovereign airspace, then nations

should maintain transparency and keep other countries updated about said accident before they find it themselves and expect some sort of foul play. Additionally, if a nation does intend to send a balloon or aircraft into another nation's airspace, they should take the appropriate measure to obtain permission.

In addition to taking preemptive measures, there needs to be some standardization of what constitutes sovereign airspace. After China responded to backlash with claims that the U.S. had flown objects into Chinese airspace, it called to question whether what one country defines as their sovereign airspace is what other countries accept to be true.

Therefore, CNN explains that the instances that China described in their backlash could be situations in which the United States was flying objects into airspace that they deem as international and China deems as their sovereign airspace. In order to avoid conflict, there needs to be some type of agreement between countries on what territory or airspace is international or national.

Ultimately, as more objects are shot down, we can use this controversy as a way to spark conflict or a way to strengthen international law to avoid future controversies.

# Super Bowl: Everything but the football

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When you don't follow football, the Super Bowl consists mainly of two events: the half-time show and the ads. This article will outline the quality and level of enjoyment for both of these factors.

## Number one: the halftime performance

Rihanna. Need I say more?

The show started with Rihanna on a platform hanging at the top center of the stadium, with dancers on adjacent platforms and on the ground. She slowly moved down to the ground where she continued until the end, when she disappeared into the sky as fireworks erupted behind her.

Rihanna has appeared to step away from music for the past seven years, while her focus seems to have shifted to family life in addition to her successful makeup and lingerie businesses, Fenty and Savage X Fenty. But fans have been waiting for her return to music, and even just a 15 minute halftime spot is enough to keep us talking for the next seven years. She sang some of her best songs across all her albums, from "Rude Boy" to "Work" to "All of the Lights."

My only complaint about Rihanna's performance was that it ended too soon.

## Number two: the commercials

No one was left unfazed by the Tubi's Super Bowl ad last Sunday. I experienced the stir that this ad had caused for myself. As my friends and I sat in front of the television, thinking we were hearing commentary on the game, the screen suddenly looked like someone was changing the channel. I didn't react at first, thinking that maybe someone had sat on the remote by accident, but as the screen appeared to actually switch channels, everyone frantically rose out of their seats, screaming and accusing each other of hijacking the remote.

So close to the end of the game, even the people who were there for the food and Rihanna were invested in seeing it through to the end. Myself included. As realization kicked in that Tubi had pranked us all, tensions lightened and apologies were made by any accusers.

Other than the Tubi commercial, the advertising was not as strong as previous years. From Budweiser's 2013 "Brotherhood"

ad to the Michael Bublé 2019 collaboration with Buby to FTX's "Don't Miss Out" commercial, the Super Bowl gives us more than a sporting event. It provides brands a space to connect with consumers, to give them something to latch onto that is more than their product, but also a piece of their identity, what they might stand for. They tell a story that they hope will resonate with viewers, or will become a part of their vernacular in the years to come, inadvertently selling the brand to friends and family long after the Super Bowl ends.

While this year's ads highlighted some iconic celebrities, including Jennifer Coolidge, Elton John and Bradley Cooper, there was not much to latch onto as a viewer and consumer of many of the brands taking up these ads. Part of what was missing was the comedic aspect of the ads. The incorporation of beloved artists and actors was great, but taglines and strong plots are what really keep viewers talking about ads.

The Super Bowl is overall a balance between what we want and what we need. What we need, being Rihanna, and what we want, being iconic commercials to recite for the rest of the year.



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## Leqembi: The new Alzheimer's drug

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The new drug Lecanemab, brand name Leqembi, is being studied to be released for Alzheimer's patients. Christopher Van Dyck, M.D. of Yale's Alzheimer's Disease Unit was key in publishing the paper on the Phase III clinical trial, published in The New England Journal of Medicine.

Treatment for this disease can be extraordinarily tricky, though the best route to prevent advancement. This drug removes a protein from the brain that progresses the disease with an IV infusion biweekly, according to Yale Medicine.

Alzheimer's is a form of dementia, which attacks daily functions and leads to the deterioration of cognitive ability. It is a disease that attacks memory and neurons that are involved in storing information, and it is debilitating to the patient and those around them.

A friend of mine explained her experience with her grandparent's condition briefly. Something she mentioned was the heart-wrenching view of her own parents seeing their caregivers wilt away. The biggest obstacle I think the children and grandchildren of Alzheimer's patients go through is their parent's loss of memory that they still have, and the image of someone once so strong in such a horrific state. My friend says it was heartbreaking to see them deteriorate "when you know how they used to be so full of joy".

This is why the drug is so groundbreaking. Carrie McMillan of Yale Medicine says there was "a 26 percent slowing of decline in a key secondary measure of cognitive function and a 37 percent slowing of decline in a measure of daily living compared to the placebo

group". The slowing of declining function is significant because there is no cure, and preventing further decline is almost the only thing to do.

This is also important for the children of patients, as Alzheimer's is a genetic disease, meaning it can be passed down, which is a big concern for them. The treatment is specifically meant for early stages, which can be helpful to those whose parents possess the gene, alerting them to get tested sooner rather than later, and being able to potentially be treated.

Yet, the demographic for the drug being those with early-onset Alzheimer's is also a downside, the real problem being those declining rapidly. The development processes for these types of drugs are very slow and meticulous, as they should be. But knowing the toll it takes on families and entire communities, I hope that new drugs will follow that can target Alzheimer's at any stage.

In addition to this issue, there are the side effects. 26 percent of those who receive the IV get symptoms that come with any intravenous injection, such as fever and chills, or a rash. 12.6 percent of participants, however, were struck with fluid formation in the brain and 17.3 percent had brain bleeding.

While these are rare and often asymptomatic, they still present a risk. In addition, the medication advises against blood thinners, yet the symptoms caused by intravenous infusions were said to improve by things like pain relievers which are naturally blood-thinning. So there is a bit of contradiction, but the prospect of a new drug to treat an aggressive disease like Alzheimer's is revolutionary.

## SZA's new album is a masterpiece

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Let's be real — the past year hasn't exactly been the best in terms of music. Delayed album releases, canceled tours and other inconveniences that resulted from the pandemic have left us all craving some good musical sustenance.

Personally, I didn't particularly enjoy any of the albums that were released in 2022 and was left playing the same throwbacks repeatedly. But in December, just when I thought I couldn't take it anymore, SZA finally dropped her new album. Not only did this give me a dose of the soul-feeding, timeless music I had been craving for so long, but it also reminded me that good music still exists.

"SOS," which was released five years after SZA's debut album "CTRL," was definitely worth the unbearable wait. It is no wonder the album became the longest-running number one female album of 2022 and has topped the charts for eight nonconsecutive weeks. I honestly believe the album deserves even more attention. Even after months, I'm still blasting it daily.

Its success is a result of its exceptional musical and lyrical content. The album encapsulates a whirlwind of emotions. As it progresses, SZA spirals through heartbreak, revenge, resentment and growth. If you're someone going through the breakup blues or struggling

with the plight of being in an "exclusive situationship" (whatever that is), you'll definitely enjoy this album.

Personally, I feel like her voice is so soothing and gives me a resonating feeling of peace. Her songs are so melodic and well thought out. If you pay attention to the lyrical content, it literally feels like you're listening to her intrusive thoughts, which creates a deep connection that is relatable and authentic. If you've heard the chorus of 'Kill Bill,' you definitely know what I mean. I also feel like there are a lot of underrated songs on the album, such as 'Gone Girl' and 'Open Arms,' that need to be appreciated more for their introspective-ness and mellow vibes.

I've found out the hard way that there are some people who don't agree with my sentiments. I feel like people discovered the term "mid" and just ran with it. The fact that there are people out there who would call an album that is as raw and harmonious as this "mid" is baffling and mind-blowing. People just hear a few seconds of a song on TikTok or the radio and think they've got it all figured out.

Before I listened to the full album, I heard a snippet of "F2F," and I also assumed that it was overplayed and saturated. In actuality, the song is so well-written, and it gives

me so much energy. "SOS" isn't just a bunch of random songs, but rather an intentional work of art. Writing it off without even giving it a chance is truly an injustice. So to anyone who holds this type of opinion on the album, I urge you to give it a full listen.

I've also heard people say that because many of the songs follow different genres and themes, it may be a bit difficult for some people to see the unifying element between all of them. In an interview with "Complex Magazine," SZA responded to recent critiques on the album's cohesiveness: "If you sound like you, your shit's going to be cohesive. Period." Queen energy.

I really admire her choice to switch between different vibes, rather than trying to fit everything under a singular aesthetic. The inconsistency just makes it all the more perfect. It's an unconcealed depiction of the rollercoaster of genuine emotions that are not only traveling through her but so many of us listeners.

I will admit that some of the songs are not as perfect as others, but I can confidently say that every song on the album is a lyrical masterpiece fueled by SZA's genius. So if you haven't given it a listen yet, I strongly urge that you do. As for its current spot as number one album? Well-deserved.

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# From ink to text:

## Jim Buck, Professor of Creative Writing

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Assistant professor of English, Jim Buck, had a lot to say regarding his passion for journalism and teaching at Bucknell. Professor Buck attended Kenyon College, graduating with a BA in political science. He then proceeded to attain a masters at Ohio University in comparative literature following an MFA in fiction at the University of Maryland.

When asked about a specific piece of writing he's drawn inspiration from, he reflected for a moment before telling a shocking yet compelling story.

Jim worked at Bradford Era Newspaper up in Northwestern Pennsylvania, located in an area of oil extraction which goes back to the late 1800s. One day when he was working, a tank blew up abruptly while he was in the newsroom. The editor sent Jim outside to see what all the commotion was about. He was informed that a young man had died on the scene. Professor Buck paused for a moment before continuing. He then went on to explain that the boy was actually one of the firefighter's sons.

"He and his friends used to climb up on top of this tank and would smoke which obviously wasn't the smartest idea," Buck said. "I wrote this story and it was very powerful. A friend of the family felt as though I was exploiting the situation in a way he didn't appreciate, which I get because it is a small town. I mean the firefighter found his son on the scene so I understand how unimaginably terrible it must have been."

Professor Buck went on to explain one specific, memorable encounter he had with a student from about 10 years ago. He was teaching a fiction and film foundation seminar. One of the films they had to watch was *The Descendants* which takes place in Hawaii. It's a discussion based class so one of his priorities is to make sure everyone participates.

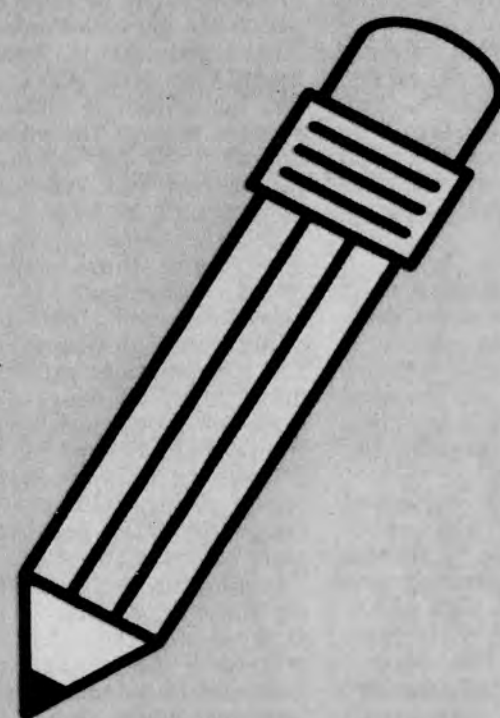
He remembers distinctly a young woman who was relatively quiet compared to the rest of the class and sat in the back. When called upon, she would offer insightful comments. Otherwise, she did not normally jump into conversation. Towards the end of class, another girl that was sitting beside her, lifted the quiet student's hand.

"I was born in Hawaii and I grew up there so I recognized a lot of the places depicted in this movie," the student told Buck. He mentioned how this specific occurrence says something about the diverse group of people having a discussion with everyone contributing in different ways.

For students that are looking for journalism or any writing opportunities, Professor Buck recommends the Press Enterprise in Bloomsburg, Pa. He used to work there as a copy editor.

"Writing is different, you can go back and move things around. Working on a newspaper, you can't overthink things. You have to figure out what the core of the story is," Buck said.

He also mentioned other opportunities which include the Daily Item in Sunbury, as well as the Sun Gazette based in Williamsport.



As a young boy, Professor Buck always fantasized about being a writer. He would even create architectural drawings in his little notepad. Throughout his time in school, he felt he was stronger in writing compared to the science and math fields. Buck wanted to major in English as an undergrad but too many people at his university planned on majoring in the subject which discouraged him.

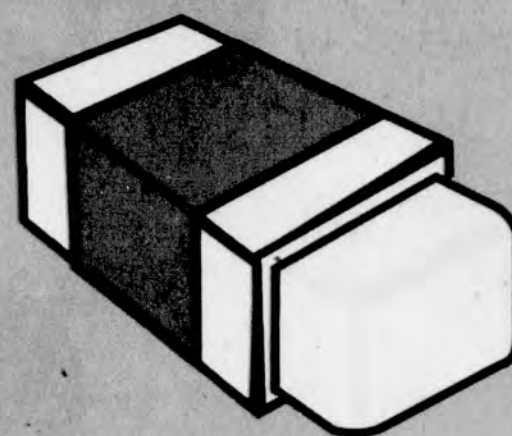
In the early stages of his career at Bucknell, he decided to travel to Nicaragua accompanying the Bucknell brigade. This idea was initiated by a Nicaraguan student after a massive hurricane had occurred in Nicaragua. The student began this effort in order to provide free labor for non profit.

"People in this country had this fear that this little central area needed to be the focus of weapons because it could potentially pose some kind of threat but in reality, (Nicaragua) could never be a threat to the United States" Buck said.

Buck realized he wanted to become a teacher after instructing a creative writing class for first-year students at the University of Maryland. He was a TA. When it comes to teaching here at Bucknell, Professor Buck loves the fact that there are talented students across all different cultures, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds, sharing parts of their lives through their work.

"I hope students write something that they're engaged with and truly proud of," Buck said. When asked about what the most important attributes are for instructing, he said, "you have to be interested in the subject, keep up to date with what's going on in the field and interested in students as well as what's going on in broader culture."

"When I was in college, it was a different world, different society, there was no social media," he said. "I was using a typewriter as an undergrad. When we were remote, it was a challenge I could not imagine being presented with."







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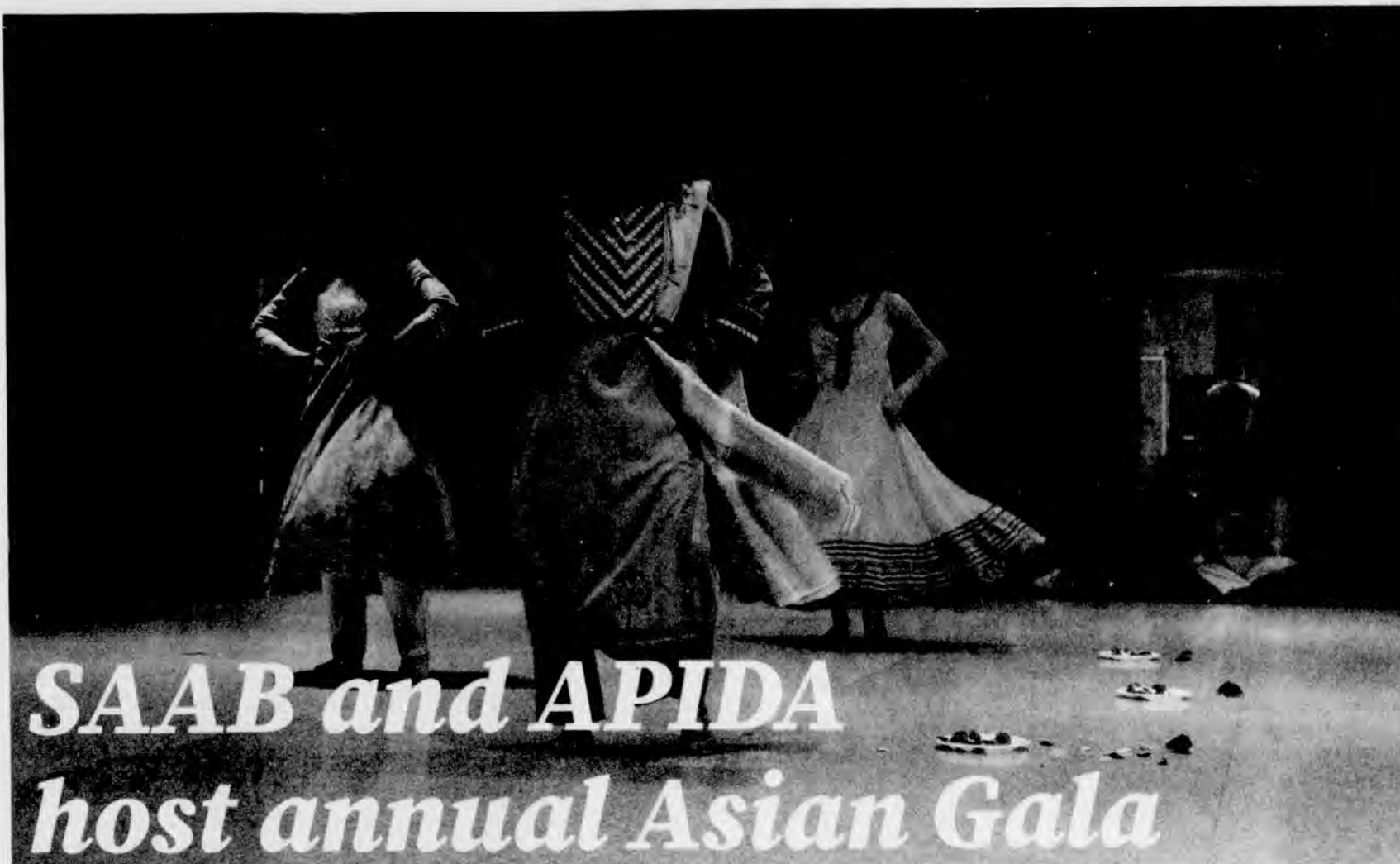
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Students for Asian Awareness at Bucknell (SAAB) and Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) presented their annual Asian Gala on Feb. 18. The theme this year was "festivals," through which the groups utilized a variety of performances to showcase different Asian cultures. There was a variety of foods from different countries available as well.

The night began with a K-Pop dance performance from the SAAB and APIDA executive boards.

"We also wanted to open up the 2023 Asian Gala a little differently," Maxwell Chen '23, president of SAAB, said. "Usually, the gala opens up with a brief speech from the president of the MC. This year, however, our E-Board partnered up with APIDA's E-Board to start off the gala with a surprise dance to 'Permission

to Dance.' I don't really dance or listen to K-pop, so this experience was daunting yet fulfilling."

Following the opening was a Tinikling Dance from the Philippines, performed by Maya Kidder '26, Renee Palma '26, Brandon Dick '25, Brian Dsouza '25, Clea Ramos '25, Ishmael Cabading '25, Marina Anglo '25, Molly Manhoff '25, Realyn Del Campo '26.

"There were some people who've done it before, and I hadn't, so it was nice to have that guidance," Dick said. "We did a modern and traditional version of the dance, and while it was easier for me to learn the modern part, the traditional part really allowed me to get in touch with my Filipino roots. Before this, I hadn't even heard the word Tinikling."

"It didn't fully come together until a couple days before the performance," Manhoff said. "We had it down, but then we

had people missing rehearsals because of illness or prior academic commitments. And then we also had to get used to doing the dance in skirts."

"I had never had experience with that particular part of my culture, because I don't really have a Filipino community in my area, so that was really cool," Manhoff added. "We're actually hoping to start a Filipino student club, so I'm hoping that gets off the ground in the future."

Next, Japan was represented by a Karate demonstration from the campus Karate club. Puja Velani '24, Salina Musyaju '24, and Preeti Gurung '24 performed a dance representing Tihar. Next, Nishant Shrestha represented Nepal with a guitar and singing performance. The Korean Cultural closed out the first half of performances Association (KCA) with a K-Pop dance representing Gayo Daejeon music festival.

"I am very proud of the performers for their meticulous attention to detail and unwavering enthusiasm," Chen said. "I think each performance reflected the cultures and festivals of each represented country very well. I was really glad that we sold out our tickets this year."

The second half of the night began with a K-Pop dance representing Korea, performed by Selena Yu '26 and Kai Li '26. Next, the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) performed a dance to represent the Lunar New Year festival. The South Asian Student Association (SASA) then performed a Holi dance, to represent the Hindu Holi festival. Kai Li returned to the stage for a solo singing performance of "Mulan" song "Reflection" to represent China. Lastly, the Japan Society performed a Obon Coal Dance to represent the Bon Odori festival.

## Class of 2023 tribute starts construction

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Nabeel Jan '23, the 2023 Class President, sent out an email on Feb. 22, detailing what the Class of 23's tribute to campus will look like.

"Our tribute is an octagon-shaped shared gathering space in the Grove, just uphill from the volleyball court," Jan said, in his email. "The area will feature outdoor seating and collaboration space and will be lit by string lights that will cross the octagon-shaped patio from above."

The goal in the construction of this venue is so "members of the community can gather and form connections while enjoying the serenity of the Grove," Jan said.

During an interview with The Bucknellian, Jan confirmed that the project will be completed in the coming months, "hopefully before

commencement," and that it was made from a desire to get students into "green space... Research shows more time outside helps you be happier and healthier, and this spot is a direct path to that."

While the cost of this endeavor is not fully known yet, it did come from the class' operating budget from the last four years, and that it was likely "the largest expense we would have during our time here," Jan said.

The project will look similar to the Schwartz patio, and be constructed with wood, gravel and plastic chairs.

Jan also wanted to note that credit belonged to, "our Senators: Ryan Bernicker, Juliette Chandler, April Hurlock, Lindsey Kulp, Eleanor Lowe, Isaiah Mays, Christian Melgar, Ricky Rodriguez, and Maggie Zipel for their work on this project, as well as the other members of our executive

board: Andrew Finegan and Taylor Armstrong."

"Lastly, if you pass by the site and see any facilities team members working on it, please thank them. Their work on our campus often goes unnoticed and should be acknowledged," Jan added.

Students had positive things to say about the endeavor.

"The grove is a beautiful and underutilized part of campus. I'm glad to hear that our tribute will allow students to better enjoy this great part of campus," Justin Higgins '23 said.

"This tribute is such an honor," Matthew Rayski '23 said. "I am really happy to hear that the memory of the class of 2023 will live on via the tribute."

Prior tributes include a giant "B" by the South Campus Apartments for the class of 2019, the fire pit by the farm for the class of 2020 and the West Tunnel restoration for the class of 2018's tribute.

## Joy James visits Griot Institute's "Legacy" series

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Joy James spoke about race and legacy on Feb. 22, in the ELC Gallery Theatre for the Griot Institute's "Legacy" series. James is an author, political theorist, and the Ebenezer Fitch Professor of Humanities at Williams College. Her presentation is titled "The 1969 'United Front Against Fascism' Conference and Current U.S. Society."

Before the speech, James was introduced by Carol Wainwright by highlighting her accolades as an author, political theorist, and the Ebenezer Fitch Professor of Humanities at Williams College. She also mentioned her books and accounts, including Seeking the Beloved Community: A Feminist-Race Theory Reader; Shadowboxing: Representations of Black Feminist Politics; Transcending the Talented Tenth: Black Leaders and American Intellectuals; and Resisting State Violence: Radicalism, Gender and Race in U.S. Culture.

James has been featured on websites such as Verso for her article titled "New Bones' Abolitionism, Communism, and Captive Maternal," and has written on many topics such as political theory, prison abolitionism, diasporic anti-black racism, and political imprisonment. She is a Williams College Co-Principal Investigator on the "Just Futures" Mellon grant with Williams-Mystic and Brown University's Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice.

James began her speech by highlighting the contents of her speech, which revolved around expanding the timeline of a "decaying democracy" that has been festering in this country because of the remnants of fascism from World War II. She discussed the teachings of Mao Zedong and his specific influence on a prominent anti-racism group called the Black Panthers.

Her overall gist throughout the night was to compare the struggle that African-Americans have faced in history and their conquest for freedom to be a repetitive war that makes black people act as warriors against government resistance. The constant pattern of "coherence and reconciliation" was echoed by James citing King's "I Have a Dream Speech" and the nomination of Barack Obama in 2008.

While generalizing her message, she talked about specific experiences that made her emotional as a young girl to become interested in partaking within this sort of fight. A story she recalled was the debacle at Kent State University overshadows what occurred at Jackson State, where black students were killed protesting the deaths of white students.

Her message, while many could have perceived it as a call to action or matter of urgency, was a mixture of the hopefulness and pride in being African-American and the honor it is to carry on the legacies of the past generations in fighting for a better future. She called the Black Panthers "aspirational" above all adjectives, because Martin Luther King Jr. they had a dream and aspired to make it real.

James ended her speech by playing a short 10-minute video interview by the Black Power Media, where a woman named Kalonji Jama discussed the experiences, and the legal obstacles she faced fighting for justice.

James ended the event with a brief Q&A session where she discussed the relationship between democracy and fascism, the consciousness of the black community, and the role the current generation plays in confronting the problems of today.

The event also sold James' book, "In Pursuit of Revolutionary Love: Precarity, Power, Communities," with autographs.



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# breaking the bubble

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## DOMESTIC

Florida Gov. DeSantis is looking to reform education for his second term with the intention of protecting the state's parents and students from "woke" ideologies. His plan that rolled out last Tuesday includes keeping "woke gender ideology out of schools," eliminating critical race theory from the curriculum, supporting civics education and expanding workforce development and technical education. His 2024 school board target list features 14 school board members within the state who "do not protect parental rights and have failed to protect students from woke ideologies."

Democrat Jennifer McClellan won Virginia's special election last Tuesday making her the first black woman the state has ever sent to Congress. She won against Rep. Leon Benjamin and will succeed Democrat Rep. Donald McEachin who died last November. There will be 28 black women in Congress once McClellan is sworn in making this election a historical feat for the U.S.

## INTERNATIONAL

President Joe Biden's secretive meeting with President Volodymyr Zelensky in Kyiv, Ukraine last Monday produced a singular image of U.S. support and a donation of half a billion dollars in new assistance to the Ukrainian war effort. This visit is particularly symbolic because it comes just a day before Russian President Vladimir Putin's scheduled speech concerning the anniversary of the war. Already, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson have all visited Ukraine during the war to express support. Hours before Biden's departure, Kyiv's persistent status as an active war zone prompted the U.S. to inform Russia of Biden's plans to visit, stating that the visit was for "deconfliction purposes." During the visit, Biden told Zelensky, "Putin thought Ukraine was weak and the West was divided. ... It's not just about freedom in Ukraine. ... It's about freedom of democracy at large."

Norfolk Southern, the operator responsible for the toxic train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio on Feb. 3, received demands from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that took effect last Thursday. The demands ensure the operator handles and pays for all necessary cleanup in a legally binding order. Among other requirements, Norfolk Southern is ordered to identify and clean up contaminated soil and water resources, reimburse the EPA for cleaning services offered to residents and businesses, participate in public meetings and post information online regarding the cleanup.

China's top diplomat, Wang Yi, met with Russian president Vladimir Putin in Moscow last Monday after his European tour. The meeting comes just before Putin's national address and symbolizes China's commitment to diplomatic ties with Russia during a time when the Ukraine conflict is isolating Russia. This isolation creates high levels of economic dependence on China, assuring China that agendas will be backed by Russia in vetos within the United Nations Security Council, in pushing back against the West, and in having backing over the issue of Taiwan. The meeting produced assurance that China takes the middle ground on the Russia-Ukraine war by refusing to criticize Russia's position and instead viewing the U.S. position as the greatest instigator. Further, China's foreign policy initiative previewed the at the Munich Security Conference on Feb. 18. entails that the country will play a more active role in ending the Russia-Ukraine conflict and will reiterate its calls against the use of nuclear weapons. Diplomats in the West are skeptical of China's motives as Putin has since suspended the last nuclear arms control treaty with the U.S. and accused the west of posing an existential threat to Russia.

# Stadler Center hosts discussion of queerness and spirituality

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The Stadler Center's Writers in Conversation series returned for another installment of deep and methodical virtual conversation on Feb. 21, moderated by 2021-2022 Stadler Fellow Joshua Garcia, regarding poetry, spirituality and queerness with poets Carl Phillips and Spencer Reese.

Both Phillips and Reese spent the hour discussing their relationship and past and present experiences with the divine culture of Christianity, and how they found poetry to be a solace tool for expressing and interpreting how God and Jesus can align with queer folks just as themselves. They began the night reading one of their own poems, Phillips reading "Singing" and Reese reading "Portofino."

Carl Phillips authored a dozen books of poetry, most recently "Pale Colors in a Tall Field," and two works of criticism. He was elected a chancellor of the Academy of American Poets in 2006 and has served as judge for the Yale Series of Younger Poets since 2011. His many honors include an Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the Library of Congress and he has been inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

His friend, poet and Episcopal priest Spencer Reese is most recently the author of a memoir, "The Secret Gospel of Mark." His debut collection of poetry, "The Clerk's Tale," was selected by Louise Glück for the Bakeless Poetry Prize, and his second collection, "The Road to Emmaus," was longlisted for the National Book Award. Among his honors are Guggenheim, Witter Bynner and NEA fellowships and Whiting Writers' Award.

After the readings, the poets delved into their spiritual upbringing and how it impacted their writing. Both had little religious influence in their childhoods, citing personal events to be the guiding force that led them to morality.

Spencer was asked about his use of Christian literary devices to talk about gay deaths. He reinforced his mantra that the Christian narrative is not a victim story, but rather, a hopeful one. He found that as a gay man, it is not "helpful for him to live his life as a victim," even though he suffered the brutal loss of a dear cousin and lived through the AIDS epidemic.

Phillips' question was about his peculiar themes that push erotic tones to spiritual moods. He said he was fascinated with stories of the martyrs and the concepts of surrender, pain, pleasure and victimhood that correspond both between the transcendence that occurs in the church and in the bedroom.

Both Phillips and Spencer commented on their analysis of poets such as Dickinson and Hopkins, preaching how their suffering and sexual anonymity are the reason they both can live, walk and write freely today. Phillips specifically said how their poetry helps him believe in the "divine forces and sparks divinity within him all the time."

Through language and figurative methods, each poet deducted how they perceive the relationship between parable and poetry in the Christian sense. Reese believed that poetry's meaning always allows for mystery, bringing to light our urge to go back to it, read it and write it. Phillips furthered that by comparing the mysteriousness of poetry to the mysteriousness of the Bible and God itself, humans embrace both.

The poets concluded with a brief question and answer session where they furthered their conversation on the broad explorations of spirituality with queer people, highlighting the spirit of choice and judgment in life and the power of writing a "conquest narrative."

Reese ended the zoom call by stating poetry "saved his life," and it is his duty to give it back to others, which he believes is very Christian of him. Additionally, Phillips claimed poetry is a "form of faith and therapy" that has allowed him to trust it and treat it like any religious practice, such as prayer.

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# From the Archives: The Bucknellian-BSG War of 1984

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While many people see The Bucknellian as the keystone of the student voice on campus, there are many things that people may not know about the paper.

The Bucknellian was stripped of its club membership and barred from publication by Bucknell Student Government for one month in 1984 — verified through past Bucknellian issues located in Bertrand Library and from interviews with former Bucknell Student President Ed Robinson '86 and former Bucknellian Editor-in-Chief David DeGuzman '86, who led their respective factions during the struggle.

## Background

To begin to understand what happened between The Bucknellian and the Bucknell Student Government of the time, there needs to be a groundwork in place for how different everything was 40 years ago. Compared to the strict security systems in place today, students on campus from 1983-1984 had less oversight and more freedom. However, this lack of oversight did not apply to all organizations.

Alcoholism was a main concern of campus administrators and it appeared regularly in The Bucknellian. Smoking and drinking were common for students, the latter of which being more visible in students' lives. On Fridays and Saturdays, Fraternities would have parties in their houses where anyone was invited, which led to the now-traditionalized "Super Saturdays."

The Bucknellian was "literally autonomous," DeGuzman said.

The paper paid The Daily Item to send them galleys of their finished product, and from there the editors stayed up all night Thursday to literally print the paper from wax machines and finish boards in the basement of Roberts Hall, he said. It was an intense and arduous process. Just as it is today, the team at The Bucknellian had no oversight from Bucknell outside of an advisor.

"It was up to you," DeGuzman said. "You signed the checkbook and did what you needed to do."

While now there are many ways for students to get their news, 40 years ago, The Bucknellian was one

of the only ways to see what was happening on campus. Therefore, there was more of a reliance on The Bucknellian in general from the student body back then.

They posted events for the following week, classifieds, coupons for stores downtown, much like the Bucknell Message Center provides for students now.

The readership shown here did not just extend to students. Rather, downtown Lewisburg read the paper heavily too, so when The Bucknellian published a restaurant review, which they did on occasion, there was a possibility the local businesses would have a reply on-hand.

Something else to keep in mind is that the Association of Bucknell Students (ABS), the former name of the Bucknell Student Government (BSG), also had much more power than the relatively ceremonial powers which BSG has today.

"The BSG ran the government of the school," Robinson said. "We talked to the deans. People I didn't even know stopped me to offer unsolicited advice."

## Shutting Down

Tensions between the ABS and The Bucknellian occurred far before DeGuzman and Robinson took office in their respective roles. This was part of the reason why in the Nov. 18, 1983 edition of The Bucknellian, DeGuzman's predecessor to the Editor-in-Chief position, Nancy Campbell '85 wrote an editorial reading, "We strongly support the candidate Ed Robinson '86...Robinson has the foresight to make the ABS an effective decision making institution and the perception to understand that the ABS is not that institution now."

This statement from her is important because throughout her tenure, she had routinely criticized ABS, as stated in an editorial marked Sept. 30, because it "has failed to abide by the rules governing their conduct and accountability to the student body."

There was also a large controversy the semester before, fall of 1983, when it was revealed in an editorial by Campbell that "Over the summer, the steering committee intervened when the concert committee was trying to sign up a band for this semester. Why? Because the steering committee didn't like the convert committee's choice in music."

This choice was revealed to be the band U2, which was something spoken about by both Robinson and DeGuzman as an incredible controversy and an example of the inefficiency of the ABS.

In a time when The Bucknellian had little-to-no oversight, and the ABS was constantly derided and mocked as inefficient, how else might the new and improved ABS kill two birds with one stone in the new year? By silencing a wide critic you can't control, The Bucknellian, and by doing it efficiently. "It was Al Capone and taxes," Robinson said.

In the Feb. 17 issue of the Bucknellian, it was revealed that the ABS sent members of the Appropriations Committee to audit the Bucknellian for fears that they were maintaining an unregistered bank account. In the same issue, there was news that a motion to change the name from ABS to BSG was defeated.

In reality, DeGuzman, who had taken up the job after a brief crisis where an editor in chief was sorely needed, admitted ignorance.

"We just submitted the same budget as last year, with a few extra things noted," he said.

He soon got his request rebuffed under the claim that there was not enough detail and oversight.

There are a few more details to this, however. Due to the aforementioned lax security around campus, a student from ABS attempted to use their Bucknellian connections to try and physically steal The Bucknellian's financial books without the editorial staff's knowledge. This plan failed, and tensions increased.

The Bucknellian countered in a written statement that they would use a Certified Public Accountant and post their results. In truth, DeGuzman admitted, "there was never a CPA, all we had was a looseleaf binder with a checkbook." It was a calculated bluff.

On March 2, a news article posted that, "presently the Bucknellian and the Appropriations Committee have not resolved difficulties concerning auditing procedures. The committee expects that the problems will be resolved and therefore requested the additional funds to meet the needs of the paper."

When asked about the situation with the Appropriations Committee and The Bucknellian, Robinson said, "That was an element I didn't care about," and that

his main goal was to "transform ABS into something with teeth."

## The Pamphlets

When The Bucknellian itself was shut down on March 18, 1984, it came as a massive surprise.

The only news that was published about the ABS two weeks prior was on March 9, when ABS officially changed its name to the Bucknell Student Government (BSG). It was one of Robinson's goals to do so, as reported in prior issues after his election. The March 16 issue held no mention of BSG or the accounting issues. This was why the shutdown was considered a "blindsided," in DeGuzman's words.

"When the vote occurred," Robinson said, "It fell to me to implement."

When the BSG revokes the status of a club, all of said club's properties reverted back to BSG. What did this mean for The Bucknellian? This meant they couldn't access their printer in the basement of Roberts Hall, their keys were confiscated and that the main source of news for the student body had become nothing more than a rag-tag force of guerrillas.

Something that the microfiche (a thin card or film used for miniaturized, storing and saving information) research lacked was any record of Bucknellian documents between March 16 and April 13, 1983. This was the period where the Bucknellian was officially shut down by BSG.

A series of pamphlets published by members of the defunct Bucknellian documented how clear the hostilities were and provided ample proof for the tensions. These pamphlets were four pages each, and contained many "ad hominem attacks" against the BSG for their decision.

Now, these have been printed in the same way they were on March 21 of 1984. DeGuzman kept spare issues of the pamphlet in storage and found them before the interview took place on Friday, Feb. 18. After the interview, he sent an online copy to both Robinson and The Bucknellian.

"The Bucknell Student Government has finally learned to operate in an efficient and expedient manner. The BSG has shut down the Bucknellian on Sunday, March 19, 1984. A polished presentation, twenty minutes of discussion, a vote, and no more Bucknellian," the

editorial read. "The BSG was able to decapitate in one meeting something that students, faculty, and administrators had agonized several months over to barely rescue it from certain death last semester."

## Aftermath

After this show of power by the BSG and the backlash that ensued, on April 13, 1984, The Bucknellian was restored its credentials and allowed to print. In this issue, DeGuzman published an editorial entitled "Rubber Stamp" that summarized the endeavor well.

"Who has suffered as a result of the Bucknellian-BSG War? We have, by printing a handbill which was an admittedly superficial way to address an issue much deeper than petty student politics. The BSG has also suffered. By emphasizing a need to concentrate fully on fiscal management... the BSG has shown its superficiality. [BSG's] lack of regard... exemplifies a narrow mindedness about such natural rights as freedom of speech and due process of law."

The "issue deeper than petty student politics" is not just a lack of oversight, but an entire changing culture, which is something both Robinson and DeGuzman made sure to emphasize. While the relationship between security and freedom has shifted in the direction of security in recent years, students 40 years prior struggled with this same dynamic, albeit on a very different campus than is present now, and without a pandemic to influence their decisions. Changes made during those times still impact campus today, such as the mere name of the BSG, and the neutralized relationship between the two on-campus powers.

At the same time, many shifts have occurred in the present too. The Bucknell Student Government has less autonomy than the ABS/BSG before it, and the Bucknellian has spread more of its influence online, and as a result, has more competition to contend with. The importance of the past and the minute effects it passes onto everyday life is incalculable, especially for an institution with as rich a history as Bucknell does. Without the words of those who have been in current students' shoes, this event would not be written about today, nor would it be available for modern audiences to read today.

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# Bucknell Title IX: Resources and Support Systems

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Staff, students and student groups work to combat the common occurrence of sexual assault or discrimination on college campuses. Facts found by the Center for Disease Control, RAINN and the American Civil Liberties Union said that one in every five women or one in every thirteen men will be sexually assaulted during their time in college all relate to a bigger statistic that 95 percent of assaults are not reported.

During orientation and throughout their first year Bucknell Students receive training detailing the different resources on campus and attend SpeakUP workshops. While various organizations on campus attend further training sessions, and on campus groups work to continue the education for students throughout all four years, keeping this information readily available and widely understood is vital for the safety of Bucknell Students.

On campus and in the surrounding areas students are provided with different options to seek support, or report an incident when they are a victim or survivor. While some reporting options or staff members are required to follow certain protocols there are support systems and confidential resources students in these situations can choose to turn to.

## CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES

Office 306 in the Elaine Langone Center belongs to Kristin Gibson (k.gibson029@bucknell.edu) the University's Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Advocacy Coordinator. As a confidential on campus staff member Gibson is not required to report the incidents that students chose to share with her. Ensuring that everything is a decision to be made by the student and what they are comfortable with Gibson can explain different resources or the options a student has if they wish to move forward and make a report.

The on campus Counseling and Student Development Center are all staff members that are not mandated to report these situations. Many students seeking help from the counseling center explain that it can be difficult to get an in person appointment. The center gives numbers for national hotlines that students can call at any time and also details a same day phone appointment system that students can choose to use based on their preferences and what they feel comfortable with.

An off campus resource close to campus and recommended for students is Transitions of PA. The crisis center is located on 120 S 3rd St and according to their website provides "advocacy, empowerment, and education to victims, survivors, families, and communities to end patterns of violence and abuse." Students can choose to call 800-850-7948 or visit Transitions in person for a confidential support system, legal advocacy and more.

Students can also choose to speak with the on campus Chaplains for the Protestant Community, Catholic Community, Jewish Community and Muslim Community who also act as confidential resources. It is detailed on Title IX resources and the Bucknell site that the Chaplains are available to talk about religious, ethical or personal matters of a student's choice.

## SPEAK UP

On campus students can apply to become SpeakUP peer educators. The Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Advocacy Coordinator Kristin Gibson oversees the group as they are trained to educate fellow students on many topics related to sexual misconduct, relationship violence, and stalking.

The organization hosts many different events on campus to raise awareness and continue many important discussions for students living on a college campus. Residence halls, organizations, Greek Life Chapters or sports teams can request a workshop from the SpeakUP peers, this can include giving presentations and or facilitating discussions.

Students looking to help fight against the statistics observed on college campuses can join the SpeakUP Cohort for 2024 when applications open in the fall.

## TITLE IX OFFICE

Since 2021 Samantha Hart, JD (samantha.hart@bucknell.edu) is the on campus Director of Institutional Equity and Title IX Coordinator. Located in 232 Marts Hall, students can contact Samantha and the office if they make the choice to report experiences involving sexual harassment, relationship violence, or stalking. Different from the confidential resources, the Title IX office would have required reporting responsibilities.

If a student makes the decision to report to the Title IX office they have different options to find which they feel most comfortable with. Support measures are made available to students with a report. They can also choose to move forward with a Formal Complaint, which involves a process involved—an Informal Resolution, or a request to not move forward with a Formal Complaint.

Some of the different types of support measures the office can help to provide include academic flexibility and support, employment modifications, residence changes, and more. Hart emphasizes the importance of knowing and reminding our peers that reporting is not formally reporting to the Title IX office. The Bucknell.edu Title IX page has a link to the "conduct & relationship violence policy (pdf)" that discusses the policies and procedures of the Title IX office.

Students are also strongly encouraged by the Title IX Office and Bucknell University to immediately safety concerns to the Department of Public Safety or the local law enforcement.

Information regarding the Title IX Office and resources can be found at <https://www.bucknell.edu/titleix>



# Students mask horrid campus stench using unconventional methods

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With every passing week busier than the last, most students barely remember what happened the past 7 days. They may remember struggling to pay attention in class or whatever stressful exam or project they had that week, but not much else. However, students would be hard pressed to forget that awful smell around Moore Avenue and 7th Street.

Whether heading into downtown, going to class or stopping at the ELC for a quick bite to eat, students quickly became aware of the sewage line issue from the smell alone. Students had started to speed walk though the area long before the trucks showed up to fix the issue, even though the pumps managed to only make the smell worse. Many reported the smell as being "10 times worse than the fertilizer Facilities use on the flower beds," and that only a rotting corpse could possibly be nastier. Even the frats after a Saturday night rager don't smell as bad. As the nauseating sewage smell permeated the air, students became desperate for a way to fight off the stench, leading to several unconventional methods spreading around the campus.

Many already carry around bottles of perfume or cologne if they feel the need to freshen up between classes. While more students started to do so, even more started to carry around cans of Febreze to spray in front of themselves while walking. Others took to carrying around fully lit Yankee Candles outside

Naturally, they made sure to blow them out before going inside; no one wants to set off a fire alarm. But those who decided they wanted their hands free started to use their heads. Several students were seen walking around campus with air fresheners, like the trees you see in peoples cars, dangling from the brims of sun hats and baseball caps. This kept them from smelling the nasty sewer smells without having to carry something that's flammable or literally on fire, even if they suffered from limited vision.

Some students wanted to start a petition to beg dining services to increase their baked goods output, hoping that the smell of cakes, cookies and other sweets would waft out of the ELC and mask the smell. In the end, the only thing campus officials were able to do was set up some of their portable fire pits around campus and encourage off-campus students to do some mid-winter grilling. Sadly, the lovely smells of wood smoke and grilled meat only managed to combine with the sewage smell in a nasty way. One student, sophomore Sarah McGrath, claimed that, "this is what Shrek's swamp would smell like in the middle of a Florida heatwave," which sounds unpleasant. Luckily the problem was resolved and campus is back to smelling like it normally does and we can all forget that awful aroma. At the very least, students are now prepared to fight the stench if it ever comes back.

## Duo pushes too hard, introduces five-factor authentication

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Duo Push has officially pushed too hard. In an effort to increase security and privacy for Bucknellians, the app has added three factors to the original two-factor authentication, making a total of five tribulations before anyone can access their Bucknell information. Hearing this, many Bucknellians rejoiced. Their pleasure was short-lived, however, as the three new factors are somewhat Sisyphean.

I had an important paper due at midnight this past Monday. Fortunately, I finished it 12 hours early. I opened my trusty Mac laptop to submit the assignment on Moodle, but after supplying the usual password and "push notification," I was sent to a game of Mario Kart. Confused, I tried to reload the link to no avail: I was trapped with Mario. Laughing excitedly, the small mustachioed man hopped into his race car and gestured for me to hop into mine. I obeyed the Italian stallion, and suddenly numbers were hovering in the air and my car was in hot pursuit of the miniature maniac, who threw several banana peels at me. My years of gaming experience kicked in, and I maneuvered around the peels with ease. Neck-and-neck now, we hurtled down the final straightaway. I threw every fiber of my

being into the task and edged an inch ahead of Mario just as we crossed the finish line.

I had won the battle, but not the war. One second after my victory, my computer speakers announced in the voice of Gandalf the Grey from Lord of the Rings: "To prove your identity, you must submit a hard copy of a picture of yourself with your mother and father, and a card showing today's date, at the Duo headquarters in Norfolk, Arkansas."

I couldn't believe what I was hearing! It would take a three-hour drive to get to my parents, who live in New York City, and the flight from there to Norfolk would take even longer. I realized I was pressed for time and hit the road immediately. Now I was in a real car, my friend Seth's beat-up manual-transmission Jeep. My parents were surprised to see me at four o'clock on a Monday, but they agreed to be in the picture. I then rushed to JFK where, surprisingly, the first-ever direct flight to Norfolk, Ark. was boarding.

Unfortunately, just after take-off I hit my satire word limit and the plane froze in midair, so we'll never learn what the fifth authentication is or why Duo put their headquarters in Norfolk, Ark.

# Fratsquerade theme backfires when frosh boys invade party

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Freshman guys have it rough at Bucknell. While girls get to party downtown three nights a week, a frosh boy can only get into a frat if they bartend for the evening. Despite their unfortunate odds, freshman boys walk their female counterparts to the frats each weekend with hopes of being admitted if they bring "ratio." Their efforts prove fruitless time and time again.

That's when freshman Samir Knopf had a groundbreaking idea: he would employ the help of his older brother, Spiji VP known as "The Kegster," to get into the frats. The Kegster and his little bro have a special bond that has only become stronger since they've attended the same college. The Kegster understands the plight of freshman year, and was eager to help his brother join him in fraternal glory.

As VP, The Kegster plans all of Spiji's party themes. He had yet to decide this weekend's theme. Spe had already taken the USA theme, and Sig Neon had drained Party City

of their entire fluorescent paint supply. What theme could The Kegster propose that would prove distracting enough to sneak his brother inside? That's when the idea struck him: frat masquerade party! The party would be dubbed "Fratsquerade."

The idea was flawless! If all the Spiji members had to wear masks, none of them would know if a masked brother was actually just a measly frosh. The Kegster announced the theme in the Spiji GroupMe, and flyers were posted on the pledges' Snapchat stories. Fratsquerade was the talk of the campus once Friday rolled around.

"I can't wait to go to Fratsquerade," Tina Colada '25 said. "If I'm wearing a mask, I'll def hook up with someone way out of my league."

The Kegster's plan was executed to perfection. Well, at least until Samir's friends learned of his whereabouts. Samir put on his Shrek mask and entered Spiji without any issues. However, he made a rookie mistake; he forgot to

turn off his Snap Maps. Soon, all of the freshman boys knew that Samir was at Fratsquerade. "If Samir can get in," Nick O'Teen '26 stated, "then we can too!"

Within minutes, all of the desperate freshman boys covered their faces with whatever materials they could find and stormed Spiji's house. O'Teen led the stampede, his identity concealed by a recycling bin with eye holes.

The boy:girl ratio had never been so disproportionate in Spiji, with eight boys for every one girl. The Kegster glanced through his Darth Vader helmet in utter disbelief at what he created. He wasn't too mad though, because he saw Samir and Tina making out on the platform.

Due to all the extra partygoers, Spiji was louder than the garbage trucks outside dorms at 8 a.m. each Saturday. Naturally, townies weren't having it. They filed noise complaints, PSafe swarmed the streets, and "Closing Time" blared from the speakers. Fratsquerade had come to a close.

## "Fracket" has a whole new meaning now

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Jen. E Barber '24 woke up on Friday morning with an idea that would lead to her claim to Bucknell fame. She would rob sorority members across the University of their most prized possession: their jackets. Since the jacket is the only article of clothing keeping them warm on the coldest of February nights, Barber's masterful plan would heap revenge on the very people who blacklisted her from every sorority across Bucknell.

Her plan was simple; she would convince the entire school to come to the frats decked out in the nicest jackets they own. Barber followed an intense YikYak posting schedule to spread the word, which required her to post a new message every five minutes to maximize her audience.

Her task was daunting. After all, rule number one in the Sorority Handbook explicitly states that "all sorority members must come equipped with a fracket so as to limit robbery and decrease the

chance of lawsuits from angry sorority girls."

However, Barber ignored the Sorority Handbook, and she managed to convince the entire student body that there would be a Winterfest on Saturday night at Fiji. According to the hundreds of YikYaks sent out that day, every girl was to come decked in ski goggles and their finest jacket, and they would be turned away at the door if they failed to do so.

Barber watched her plan come to fruition before her very eyes. By Saturday morning, the news of the supposed Winterfest had spread all over Instagram, Fizz and Snapchat! She couldn't help but smile when she heard the two KKG girls in front of her at the Bison talking about the Louis Vuitton jackets they would be wearing at Winterfest.

That night, Barber and her friends disguised themselves as DG girls, convincing the frat brothers that their job for the

night would be hanging up jackets when partygoers inevitably got too hot and took them off. They hid their identities by wearing ski goggles of their own.

By midnight, girls began removing their jackets, and Barber and her friends sprang into action. Despite assuring the girls that their jackets were in good hands, Barber's crew waltzed up the steps and one by one began drenching each jacket in the barrel of jungle juice that was suspiciously stationed in a bedroom. They allowed the juice to dry for good measure, ensuring that the jackets were stained beyond repair.

Reveling in their victory, the four friends threw the soaked jackets onto the lawn, exited the party and began walking back to their apartment. The last thing they heard was an infuriated DG girl, screaming at the top of her lungs, "They turned my jacket into a fracket!"

## Uptown's Science and Mocktails event leads to explosive aftermath

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The science department here at Bucknell is truly top-notch. We have a tight-knit STEM community that strives to put on events to show their love for the sciences however they can.

This past weekend, there was one such event: a science and mocktails event at Uptown. At the event, STEM students and professors got together to make mocktails, and the professors even spoke about some of the science behind the drinks.

Many students raved about the mocktails served at the event. Morton Gambsey '25 said, "I simply loved all of it; the flavor, the texture, it all came together so well."

A fan favorite was called the "Methtail," which a student named Messy Drinkman '23 made.

"That drink was explosive," Gambsey said. "And I mean that in every sense of the word."

"Explosive" was an understatement. Quickly after the students enjoyed Drinkman's Methtail, several students spotted a fire by the bar. Then the drink dispensers exploded, drenching Drinkman and the other bartenders. Unfortunately, this meant that the event had to end early, but luckily no one was hurt.

On Monday, President Johnh Cocktail Bravman held a press conference addressing the issue. He said, "Our funds are tight right now. If we can't get the money to improve Uptown's maintenance within the next decade, I'm afraid that Uptown will have to be closed for good."

This news has shocked the campus-wide community on campus, as drink dispensers can cost as much as a couple hundred dollars. That means that Bucknell University would have to invest a whole \$50 if they wanted a new drink dispenser within the next 10 years. Naturally, President

Bravman also said that tuition will be raised by \$20,000 per year.

There have been several student-led campus initiatives to improve the maintenance of Uptown. One initiative has been the "S.O.B Fund." S.O.B, of course, stands for "Save Our Bartenders."

The S.O.B Fund has put in tireless work in its efforts to save Uptown. With its current total of five cents raised in the past seven days, the Fund is on track to raise 50 cents for the entire rest of the year.

"At this rate, we should be able to get to \$50 within a decade," said Sam Oliver Boldman '24, the founder of the S.O.B Fund.

"We also call our employees S.O.Bs," Boldman said. "In this case, it stands for 'Saviors Of the Bartenders.' We do this to remind our employees that they really are doing something good."

If you're worried about Uptown, there's no need to worry; the S.O.Bs have your back!



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# THE BUCKNELLIAN sports

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Staff Writer

The men and women's Swimming and Diving teams hosted the Patriot League Championships this past week.

On the men's side, the Bison finished in third place behind Army and Navy, racking up 538.5 points. On Wednesday, Christian Stef '23, Shane Wynne '26, Andy Dorsel '25 and Chris Kopac '25 earned third place in the 800 freestyle relay with a 6:31.17 time, just below the program record.

Additionally, Chris Fabian '24, Justin DiSanto '25, John Gehrig '24 and Leo Kuyl '23 broke the school record for the 200 medley with a 1:26.83, just missing third place by a tenth of a second.

Jackson Vinarub '26 finished in eighth place in the three-meter dive (265.50), earning 11 points and logging the fourth best mark in program history. Nick Pirone '23 and Jack Krug '26 placed 10th (253.95) and 13th (228.45), respectively.

On Friday, Kuyl earned first place in the 50 freestyle (19.75) to break another school record and to win the Bison men's first Patriot League gold in five years. He broke another record as the anchor for the 400 medley relay with teammates Fabian, DiSanto and Gehrig, swimming a 3:13.23 to win third place.

Setting the third record of the day was Gehrig in the 200 IM, tying for third (1:46.21). Andy Dorsel took sixth place (1:46.49) in the same event.

The Bison continued setting records on day three, beginning with Fabian in the 100 butterfly (47.66).

Gehrig also continued his strong performance, placing third

in the 100 butterfly and earning 16 points for Bucknell.

Kopac swam in the 200 freestyle to earn fourth place with a 1:37.26 time.

DiSanto, Kuyl, Gehrig and Fabian competed in the 200 freestyle relay to earn fourth place (1:19.51).

Christian Stef recorded a 1:38.14 in the 200 freestyle to place fifth in the school record book.

Krug placed ninth (267.75) in the one meter dive just ahead of Vinarub, who placed 10th (259.70).

On the final day of competition, teammates Gehrig and Wynne earned second and third place, respectively, in the 200 butterfly event. Gehrig finished with a 1:45.13 time to break the school record he set last year.

Leo Kuyl placed third with a 43.92 time in the 100 freestyle, breaking the school record as well, after already having broken his own record in prelims earlier in the day.

Gehrig and Kuyl, along with DiSanto and Fabian, placed fourth in the 400 freestyle relay (2:56.34) and broke a school record.

Braden Beagle '26 placed tenth in the 200 backstroke (1:47.57) to rank fourth in school history.

Alex Crossing '26 placed eighth in the 1650 freestyle (15:38.82) to rank in school history.

Noah Basista '24 competed in the 200 breaststroke to place tenth (2:00.67) and rank fourth in school history.

Through the four-day competition, the men won six bronze medals, one silver, and one gold while breaking eight school records.

## Bucknell Men's and Women's Swim and Dive both place third in the PL Championships



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The women's team also placed third place in the Championships with a total of 540.5 points.

Esme Hunter '24, Alexandra Ritorto '23, Sabrina Vumbacco '23 and Sophia Donati '23 set a school best in the 200 medley relay (1:41.88), placing third ahead of Army.

Vumbacco competed with Jennifer Bolden '26, Abby Doss '24 and Caroline McGann '24 to earn third place in the 800 freestyle relay (7:18.59) and to rank second in program history.

Vumbacco continued on her high streak, earning silver in the 500 freestyle finals. She swam with teammates Hunter, Ritorto and Bolden in the 400 medley race to place fifth, earning Bucknell 28 points.

Kayla Lichtner '24 competed in the 50 freestyle to place seventh (23.61), and McGann placed eighth in the 500 freestyle (4:58.33).

Teammates Meghan Catherwood '25 and Gina Hinthorn '25 competed in the one meter dive and placed seventh (255.65) and eighth (255.25) respectively.

Doss earned third place (4:21.41) in the 400 IM and Catherine Craig '23 earned sixth (4:26.63) in the same event.

Hunter tied for third in the 100 backstroke, swimming in 55.14.

Lichtner, Donati, Ritorto and Hunter earned fourth in the 200 freestyle relay and ranked second in school history with a 1:33.04 time.

McGann placed seventh in the 200 freestyle (1:49.98), Catherine Craig placed fifth in the 200 breaststroke and Skye Sunderhauf '25 placed seventh in the 400 IM (4:27.74).

In the 100 breaststroke event, Liz Dokina '25 placed eighth with a 1:03.11 time, ranking third in program history.

The final day of competition remained exciting with Vumbacco earning gold in the 1,650 freestyle with a 16:45.13 time. This was her first gold after collecting bronze and silver medals in the same event as a first-year and junior. Teammate Clair Kehley '23 followed Vumbacco closely with a third place finish (16:55.27).

McGann finished fifth in the same event.

Bolden, Donati, Lichtner and Hunter added a bronze medal, placing third in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:23.43.

Catherwood marked 282.45 in the three-meter dive, earning fifth place, ranking second in school history. Teammate Reggie Frias '25 marked 274.40, ranking third in the school books.

On the whole, the Bison Women's Swim and Dive team collected eight medals and broke a school record in the 200 medley relay.

"Championship season is always so fun for our team," Craig said. "We have such great energy on deck and we've been working towards leagues and ECACs since before August, so it's really rewarding to see the team reach goals and have great swims. Also, as a senior, it's so special to wrap up your career with all your best friends around you."

The team looks forward to the ECAC Championships in Maryland from Feb. 24 to 26.

## Upcoming Events

### Softball

- @ Radford 2/24 10 a.m.

### Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving

- @ ECAC Championships 2/24-2/25

### Baseball

- @ Boston College 2/24 12 p.m.

### Men's Tennis

- @ Siena 2/24 7 p.m.

### Women's Tennis

- @ Siena 2/24 7 p.m.

### Women's Water Polo

- @ Iona 2/24 8 p.m.

### Men's and Women's Track and Field

- @ Patriot League Championships 2/25

### Men's Basketball

- vs Lafayette 2/25 2 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

- @ Lafayette 2/25 2 p.m.

### Women's Lacrosse

- @ Robert Morris 2/25 12 p.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

- @ Harvard 2/25 4 p.m.

## Women's Lacrosse topples Marist after close loss to UMBC

Madison Rehak  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Women's Lacrosse had their home opener against UMBC this past weekend.

The Bison opened with the first goal of the game, but unfortunately UMBC came back by scoring seven consecutive goals.

This action fired up the Orange and Blue and they were able to put up two more goals before the half concluded while UMBC put only one more point on the board, leaving the halftime score at 3-8 for the Bison.

In the second half, the Bison were able to dominate the opponent and had control over the game.

Shortly into the third quarter, Alex Nesbitt '26 logged her first career goal and Taylor Kopan '24 made a hat trick, making the score 7-9 for the Bison.

The Bison were able to put up three more points, but so was UMBC, leaving the final score 10-12 for the Orange and Blue.

Megan Krestinski '26 was also able to score first career goals and earned her first career hat trick in this game. Carly Cenci '25 and Allie Boyce '25 scored a goal too.

Bucknell had a 25-23 shot advantage over UMBC and goalkeeper Symone Ryans '23 made six saves in the game.

A few days after the game, the Bison traveled to face Marist for their second game of the week.

The Bison were dominating against Marist, as the score was 13-4 for the Bison in the third quarter. This was with the help of

Emily Baird '24 with her four goal streak, a hat trick from Boyce and two goals a piece for Katie Browne '26 and Bella Koch '26. These were Koch's first career goals.

Caroline Sheridan '26 and Aliza Thir '25 also scored their first collegiate goals in this game. Bucknell outshot Marist 41-26.

The Bison controlled the draw as well with the help of Caitlin McHale '23, Ella Payer '23 and Baird.

Ryans made 11 saves in the game to assist the Bison with the win against Marist. The final score was 17-12.

"Our first two games, while losses, showed a lot of positives; especially our team potential and fight," Ryans said. "We then had our home opener on Wednesday and we translated the positives of our Penn State game into our game vs UMBC which was a battle up until the last whistle. We started the UMBC game a little slow, which was a point of emphasis leading up to Marist, but the grit we showed against the Retrievers carried over into Saturday's game against Marist. Against Marist we started out strong, our offense played great and didn't let up. Our team is very young but people are stepping up, making improvements and getting better everyday day which is all that we can hope for as a team as we move forward with our season."

Next, the Bison will face Robert Morris on Saturday Feb. 25 in Moon Township, Pa.

## Men's Basketball falls at Boston after strong first half

Hugh Straine  
Staff Writer

Bison Men's Basketball couldn't close out a victory at Boston University this past Saturday, despite a strong first half in which Bucknell led 35-31.

The Orange and Blue were held to 26 points in the second half, and let up 46 to Boston en route to a 77-61 loss.

Foul trouble became an issue, as the Bison fouled the Terriers 16 times, leading to a 21-29 performance from the charity stripe. Bucknell shot 10-16 from the line as a team.

Alex Timmermann '23 was the leading scorer for Bucknell, racking up 13 points to go along with 11 rebounds, four of those coming on the offensive glass.

In their win over American earlier this week, the Bison shot 10-16 from beyond the arc, five of those credited to Jack Forrest '24. Against Boston this weekend, Bucknell was ice cold, shooting 5-20 from three point range and 42.6 percent from the field overall.

The Terriers brought the defensive pressure all game, forcing 12 Bucknell turnovers while turning it over only four times themselves.

Next week, the Orange and Blue will face Lafayette on Feb. 25 before competing in the Patriot League Championships the week of Feb. 26.

## Baseball falls 5-3 to No. 5 Louisville

Morgan Sohosky  
Senior Writer

Bison Baseball traveled to Louisville, Kentucky this past weekend to compete against the Louisville Cardinals, a team who's currently ranked top five. Their first two games resulted in a loss of 7-1 and 11-2, respectively.

Grant Voytovich '24 and Sean Keys '25 were the front-runners for the Bison, as they both scored their first home runs of the season in the third game, leaving a testing finish for the Cardinals closer. The closer was able to escape the ninth-inning which resulted in a weekend sweep.

Louisville has been the pre-season favorite in the ACC, making them a tough opponent and one the Bison will be able to build from.

Bucknell had a lead in the top of the first with the two-out rally. As they had two outs with nobody on, Tyler Dunn '25 was able to score a double into the left field

corner, while Billy Kender '25 beat an infield hit and Keys scored an RBI single.

Closer to the end of the game, Tyler O'Neill '25 and relievers Nick Mulvey '25, Theo Farynick '23 and Ryan Osinski '26 allowed just one run on three hits.

Both teams finished with eight hits. Although the Bison were defeated, they did not commit an error in the three-game series.

Bucknell will next travel to Charleston, S.C. where they are set to play three games. Their first game of the series will be against Boston College with competitions against Ball State and Merrimack to follow.

The Bison are favored second in The Patriot League preseason poll. Even after their series loss this weekend, there were many strong points that the Bison can look forward to capitalizing on throughout the rest of the season.





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## Bison Wrestling falls 12-22 to Princeton

Lea Tarzy  
Staff Writer

Davis Gym saw a good crowd of 312 attendees for senior night this past Friday to watch the Bison wrestling team face off against the visiting Princeton Tigers. This was the Bison's final dual match of the 2023 season.

Last year, Princeton came in third at the EIWA Championships and placed 16 in the NCAA tournament.

Bucknell's Kurt Phipps '24 (133) and Nolan Springer '25 (197) both won their matchups, but overall Princeton prevailed with a final score of 22-12.

The Bison put up a strong fight and took time prior to the match to celebrate their six seniors: Darren Miller, Sam Barnes, Mason McCready, Luke Niemeyer, Vincent Andreano and Chris Lanciano.

Phipps had a particularly impressive day, defeating his Princeton opponent 4-0 to tie it up 3-3 between the Bison and the Tigers. This brings Phipps' season-long record 9-1 in the EIWA and 28 total wins—a team best.

Miller had a standout moment, pinning a Princeton wrestler

during the first period and bringing his personal totals to 61 wins and 28 dual wins during his time as a Bison.

Two of the other matches came within one point. Bucknell's Dylan Chappell '25 fell just 5-4 to his opponent. Similarly, Nick Delp '24 fell to Princeton with a narrow score of 6-5.

Bucknell Wrestling has two weeks off to practice and prepare for the 2023 EIWA championships, which will take place in Philadelphia, Pa., on March 4 and 5.

## Women's Tennis dominates opponents

Clara McCormick  
Sports Editor

This past weekend, Bison Women's tennis faced off against St. Bonaventure and Coppin State, easily defeating both opponents 5-2 and 6-0 respectively.

Against the Bonnies, Anna Lajos '25 at No. 1 singles beat her opponent in a comeback win 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

At No. 3 singles Abby Platt '26 won her match 7-5, 7-6 (3), at No. 4 singles Kate Novak '24 won 7-5, 6-0 and Caroline Marcus '25 won very easily at No. 6 singles with the score 6-1, 6-3.

The doubles matches against St. Bonaventure were also successful

for the Bison, as all three duos swept all three matches.

Against Coppin State, there was not one loser amongst the Bison team.

Platt at No. 1 singles won 6-0, 6-1, Novak at No. 2 won by retirement and Mirra Manolov '26 at No. 3 won 6-1, 6-0.

The Orange and blue earned the doubles point due to efforts by Lajos and Tyne Miller '24 at No. 1, as well as Madi Sebulsky '24 and Platt at No. 2, both matches resulting in a 6-2 win.

"We had a very successful weekend, and it felt good to win our third team match in a row,"

Novak said. "We have been working really hard on and off the court, and it was exciting to see it all start to pay off. We have three matches this weekend and our first Patriot League match the following weekend, so we are excited for that! It takes a lot of teamwork and good team chemistry to have these results, and it makes me excited to see what these next couple of weeks hold!"

The Bison hope to continue their winning streak as they face Siena College and IUP this upcoming weekend, Feb. 24 & 26.

## Women's Basketball end week 1-1

Charlotte Dursee  
Senior Writer

Last week Bucknell Women's Basketball had two Patriot League matchups. Their first game of the week took place Feb. 15 away at American University.

American started the game with a 6-2 run and were soon up 10-4 in the first quarter. Remi Sisselman '25 helped jumpstart a comeback for the Bison by draining a three-point shot. Emma Shaffer '23 came up with two baskets and two free shots of her own to help tie the score at 11-11.

A combination of points were scored by Julie Kulesza '24, Emma Theodorsson '26, Tai Johnson '23, Shaffer and Cecilia Collins '25. The Bison were up 30-23 at halftime, and American never managed to regain the lead.

14 seconds into the new half, Theodorsson hit a three-pointer. Sisselman pulled off two three pointers of her own throughout the quarter in addition to a two point basket and a free throw.

The fourth quarter was run by the Orange and Blue. Every time

American scored, the Bison quickly responded. American managed to get the score as close as 57-46 before Theodorsson extended the lead with a basket. Grace Klag '26 scored her first collegiate points after a lob inside from Blake Matthews '26. The Bison won 64-52, their sixth straight victory, putting them above .500 as a program.

Theodorsson led with 16 points, and Sisselman had 12. Shaffer added her seventh career double-double with 12 points and 21 rebounds.

The Bison played at home Saturday against Boston University in their Senior Day matchup. Seniors Shaffer and Johnson were honored in a pregame ceremony.

The Bison started out strong with a jumper from Johnson. The lead switched a couple times, and the quarter ended 15-14 Bison. Baskets from Theodorsson, Shaffer and Johnson kept them in the lead.

The lead extended to 18-14 before Boston University went

on a 5-0 run. The Bison managed to get a hold of a 24-22 lead before Boston went on another run to close the half. Despite Collins draining two free throws, the Bison ended the half down 34-29.

The score went up 38-29 after a strong second half opening performance by the Terriers. The Bison responded with a 6-0 run led by Johnson and Collins. The Bison made their way to a two point score difference by the end of the third quarter.

The Terriers continued to push the score and managed an 11 point lead. The Bison struggled to get close. Isabella King '25 hit a three and Collins followed with a bucket to get the score within six but the Terriers maintained control. The Bison fell 57-66.

Collins led with 20 points, Johnson followed with 14 of her own and Shaffer had five points and 11 rebounds.

The Bison's next matchup takes place at Lafayette at 2 p.m. on Feb. 25.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Sabrina Vumbacco '23

## Profile

### Sport

Swimming and Dive

### Hometown

Port Chester, N.Y.

### High School

Rye Country Day School

### Position

Breast/Fly/IM



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Caleb Wooten  
Staff Writer

Sabrina Vumbacco '23 capped off her amazing swimming career with a huge performance at Patriot League Championships, helping the Bison secure third place overall.

Vumbacco had a busy week, securing two bronze medals in the 200 medley and 800 freestyle relays, in which those relay teams had the fastest and second fastest times in program history, respectively.

The senior also secured a silver medal in the 500 freestyle on Thursday to add onto her already impressive resume.

To finish the week, Vumbacco, who had previously won bronze and silver medals in the 1,650 as a freshman and as a junior, completed the event in 16:45.13 to earn her first gold medal.

This was an incredible performance for the star senior, as it proved to be a culmination of years of hard work.

"It was a really long week as I competed for all four days, so making sure I was prepared going into the week was key," Vumbacco said.

"The preparation really started as soon as last year's Patriot League Championships ended, as I knew I had to be my absolute best to end my Bucknell swimming career on a high note. I think the whole team had the same mentality in being very intentional, focused and disciplined when it came to training, and I believe it paid off this past week."

This past week was particularly impressive for the senior, as she has found a way to produce since her freshman year and not only sustain that success but improve each year.

Before this meet, Vumbacco entered the competition as a two-time All-Patriot League member

(2022 First Team & 2020 Second Team), a one-time Academic All-Patriot League Team member, the 2020 Rookie of the Patriot League Championship Meet and as a four-time Patriot League individual medalist. She also holds Bucknell's second-fastest 500 freestyle, third-fastest 1,000 freestyle and 1,650 freestyle, fourth-fastest 200 butterfly, sixth-fastest 200 freestyle and 400 IM, eighth-fastest 100 butterfly time and is a member of three relay teams with the program's top-10 times.

After this weekend, Vumbacco solidified herself further as one of the best swimmers in program history.

"I'm really just so grateful for this program and everyone in it," Vumbacco said. "The team has been such a positive environment and has given me and so many others a sense of home. It's just been a fun, wild ride and I'm happy to end my career where I am with the people I'm with. So even though it's sad to be coming to an end, I wouldn't have it any other way."

Vumbacco and the Bison look to end the season on an even higher note at the ECAC Open Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend at Navy.

### Career Stats

- Two-time All-Patriot League
- One-time Academic All-Patriot League Team
- Six-time Patriot League individual medalist

## Bison Men's Lacrosse faces Richmond

Jamilie Atiyeh  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Men's Lacrosse traveled to Virginia for their first road game this past weekend to go head to head with the University of Richmond, falling to the Spiders 5-18.

Michael Meyer '26 opened the scoreboard three minutes into the game. He scored a second goal that put the Bison even with the Spiders early in the second quarter (2-2).

Early in the second half, Richmond outscored Bucknell 10-2 before Richie Striano '24 hit the back of the net for the Bison.

In the fourth, the Spiders put up a 5-0 run prior to Connor

Davis '25 scoring his eighth goal of the season.

Jaz Zanelli '26 spent all 60 minutes in goal, finishing with eight saves on Richmond ground.

"Richmond is a well-coached top 20 lacrosse program, and it was great to compete against them," CJ Baroni '23 said. "Even though losing is tough, our team learned from this experience and are determined to play Harvard this weekend. Harvard is another top talent and we look forward to another day of great competition."

Next week, keep your eyes peeled as the Bison play Harvard and Bellarmine.

## Women's Water Polo goes 1-2 on the weekend

Brooke Tracey  
Senior Writer

Bison Women's Water Polo traveled to Erie, Pa. this past weekend to compete in the Curtis Robinette Memorial Tournament. The Orange and Blue faced Iona on Saturday, Feb. 18 followed by La Salle and St. Francis College Brooklyn on Sunday, Feb. 19. The Bison finished the weekend 1-2.

The Orange and Blue started the weekend strong against Iona College. The Bison led for the majority of the match, with the Gaels tying it up with just 44 seconds left. However, the Bison persevered with the game winning goal and earned the 16-15 victory.

The Bison returned on Sunday to face off against La Salle. The Orange and Blue were first to get on the board off of an early Bella Moynihan '23 goal. La Salle was quick to respond with two

goals of their own, grabbing the early 2-1. Play continued back and forth, with La Salle narrowly leading 5-4 into halftime. It was the high-scoring second half that proved to be the deciding factor, as La Salle strengthened their lead and never conceded an eventual 13-11 victory.

The Orange and Blue's final match of the weekend came against St. Francis Brooklyn. The Bison immediately took charge, leading the attack 3-2 in the first quarter. However, the Terriers took charge in the second, grabbing the 7-6 lead into the half. St. Francis extended their lead to 13-10 in the third quarter. The Bison were able to narrow the Terrier lead within two, however, could not do enough to come back, facing an

14-16 defeat.

"The team is looking forward to facing Iona and Villanova again and hopefully widening the goal margin," Megan LaCroix '23 said. "We will also go up against one of our conference rivals in the coming weeks, St. Francis (Pa.), and plan on redeeming ourselves after losing to them in the Bucknell Invite."

The Bison remain on the road next weekend, as they travel to Princeton, N.J. for four games over a three-day span.

The Orange and Blue will begin with a rematch against Iona on Friday, Feb. 24, followed by one match on Saturday, Feb. 25 against Siena College. The Bison will close out the weekend on Sunday, Feb. 26 with their first match against LIU and second match against Villanova.



# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### NBA All-Stars: Talent vs. Competition

Kaylee Donnelly  
Senior Writer

The NBA All-Star Game was played last Sunday, with "Team LeBron" taking on "Team Giannis." Despite featuring some of the greatest stars of the NBA, the game fell short of exciting.

The All-Star game used to be a competitive game, as the greatest stars would get together to showcase the best of professional basketball. These recent years, however, it's seemed as if the initial goal of getting together the "all-stars" has drifted away and been replaced with individual players attempting to show off personal skills. Where previous

elite competition existed, it feels as though the love of the game has been squeezed out into a marketing event.

Team Giannis ended up beating Team LeBron 184-175, despite Giannis not making a significant appearance and LeBron leaving the game soon after a hand injury. Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum was the MVP of the night, scoring 55 points and setting a record for the most points scored in an All-Star game.

The losing coach, Mike Malone of the Denver Nuggets,

called the game "the worst game of basketball ever played." Similarly, Celtics player Jaylen Brown called the game a "layup line."

The lack of competitiveness is evident in the type of game they played. The lack of defense, paired with the consistent layups and constant attempts at three-pointers, made the game unsatisfying to watch.

A big issue is players not wanting to get injured, which is completely understandable. No star player wants to ruin their career by getting seriously injured in the

All-Star game. This probably why LeBron was so willing to take himself off the court and Giannis was pulled off the court, despite being the captains and big names of each of their teams.

Another point was that the game was missing some big names. Golden State Warriors point guard Stephen Curry was out because of his lower leg injury, while New Orleans Pelicans' Zion Williams and Phoenix Suns' Kevin Durant were also out due to injury.

A few did put on some good efforts, like Brown and Kyrie

Irving, who put up stellar points and committed to playing some defense. If they want to commit to the NBA All-Star game in its glorified conception, they will have to commit to bringing back competition into the game. The argument already exists that the NBA is already lacking in the scrappy, team-oriented desire to win unlike other sports and their college companions. They need to figure out how to invigorate their players into playing a good match, and bringing the fun and entertainment back into these All-Star games.

## Big home opener weekend for Bison Softball

Tallulah Fuhs  
Contributing Writer

The weekend started with two cancellations for Bucknell Softball on Feb. 17, but the Bison returned the next day ready to compete.

Within the top of the first inning in their game against Norfolk State, Kenzie Hilling '25 and Zoie Smith '24 were able to make it on the bases, but the Bison were not able to capitalize on these opportunities.

The Spartans of Norfolk State made the most of the bottom of the first with a couple of errors by Bucknell, starting the game off with a 0-6 lead. Kaiya Burton 23 stepped in the circle, replacing Madison Roukey '25, inducing the final out.

The next inning saw no severe threats made by either team, but in the third inning, Noelle Gardon '24 and Elena Horn '25 were able to make it on the bases, but, sadly were not sent home. Norfolk State, again, made no serious threats.

Hitting her first collegiate home run in, Kailyn Lorberter '23 was able to put the Bison on the board in the fourth. Juliette Basso '25 followed with a walk, as well as Gardon, but sadly Horn fouled out.

Burton, still standing in the pitching circle, was able to obtain another scoreless inning heading into the top of the fifth, halting the Spartans. Smith hit a double and made it to third base, but she did not make any more advances.

The Spartans were able to break their scoreless streak in the bottom of the fifth, gaining two more runs, making the score 1-8.

The Bison were not able to catch up, letting up one more run in the bottom of the sixth, ending the game 1-9.

Senior Olivia Marinelli started in the circle for game two, facing the Georgetown Hoyas. Georgetown came out strong, but the Bison were able to hold them off.

A big play from Horn to Gardon to Angelica Seropian '26 was able to keep the Hoyas away from home. Marinelli then struck out the opponent,

ending the inning. At the bottom of the first, Horn, Hilling and Savannah Jones '25 worked together to send Horn home, starting the game with a 1-0 lead.

Seropian continued her success in the second inning with a walk but was left stranded. At the bottom of the second, Georgetown found some success. Pitcher Marinelli grabbed two outs, but Sophomore Roukey subbed her out as relief. The Hoyas were able to hit a grand slam and a couple more runs, ending the inning at 1-4.

Bucknell could not come back at the top of the third. Georgetown, with a crazy fourth inning, landed another run: 1-5.

Hunter Vestal '24 stepped into the pitching circle, striking out two batters, but fielding errors led to the Bison struggling, ending the inning with the Hoyas leading the game 1-9.

The Bison counterattacked, scoring four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Jones and Lorberter made it on the bases. First year Marissa Rapino '26, continuing her success in her rookie season, hit a single.

Gardon was able to get Jones a run while also walking to load the bases. Horn was able to send one of her teammates home, while Hilling came next, hitting a fly ball to allow for another run. This led to the Bison only being down by four.

The next couple of innings remained scoreless. The Bison were able to slam some pitches, but the game then ended with a 5-9 Bison loss.

Next the Bison competed against the Quinnipiac Bobcats on Feb. 18.

Within the first two innings, the Bison were able to exploit Quinnipiac's errors by getting on bases, but no runs were scored.

Chase Knapp '23, Ava Aguilar '25, Smith, Lorberter and Gardon were able to load the bases, but no damage was done against the Bobcats.

Roukey was able to dominate over Quinnipiac for two

innings, but the Bobcats started making advances, allowing them to score one run.

Jones subbed in for Roukey, but Quinnipiac continued their streak. Three more runs were scored, putting the Bison behind by four runs before Jones obtained the final two outs.

The fourth and fifth innings were intense, but no more runs were scored. The pitchers started to seriously dominate the game.

In the bottom of the sixth, Quinnipiac was able to add one more run, ending the game with a score of 0-5.

Then facing Hampton University, Bucknell set the tone early. The first inning started with two outs, but that did not stop the Bison. Smith doubled, Jones walked and Knapp sent Smith home with an RBI double. Lorberter walked, but, sadly, Gardon lined out to end the inning.

Marinelli started in the circle for the Bison, striking out batters until she was subbed out in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Hilling started the third inning with a double but got caught trying to steal third base. Smith walked then stole second. Knapp followed, hitting her second RBI double of the game, thus sending herself and Smith home.

The rest of the game showed no severe threats made by either team.

Burton came into the pitching circle, closing the game in the bottom of the seventh, earning Bucknell its second win of the year.

"I think this weekend was a good learning opportunity for the team," Horn said. "We took some hard losses that showed us what we need to be better at and prepare for. I think these tough games will teach us how to compete with good competition and end up helping us in the long run. I'm excited to see how the team grows from this past weekend."

We will see the Bison compete again next weekend in North Carolina in the Pirate Clash Tournament.

### Men's Tennis' 2-0 weekend

Clara McCormick  
Sports Editor

Bison Men's Tennis had two matches this past weekend, one against Howard University and one against Coppin State. Both matches resulted in victories for the Orange and Blue, which improved their win-streak to four consecutive matches.

Against Howard, at No. 2 and No. 3 singles respectively, Amar Tahirovic '26 and Michael Owen '23 defeated their opponents with the same score of 6-1, 6-0. In the No. 4 spot, Tim Zelikovsky '24 easily crushed his Howard opponent, as well, 6-4, 6-3.

In the doubles matches, which Bucknell earned the point for, No. 1 duo Harrison Gold '24 and Brendan McDonald '26 won 6-3, and Owen matched up with Nick Mueller '23 in the No. 3 spot to win 6-1.

The final score against the Bison from Washington D.C. was 4-1 in favor of the Bison from Lewisburg.

The next day, the Bison swept Coppin State with an overall score of 7-0.

In this match, both Tahirovic at No.1 singles and Oscar Bain Moreno de Vega '26 at No.6 beat

their opponents by retirement after taking the first set 6-0.

Mueller, in the No. 2 position, won 6-4, 6-2, Zelikovsky won 6-0, 6-3 at No. 3 and McDonald won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4.

The doubles matches against the Bald Eagles were also successful, as partners Mueller and McDonald won 6-2 in the No. 1 doubles spot, while Tahirovic and Zelikovsky won 6-4 at No. 2.

"It was great to see team-wide success this weekend and to continue our four-match win-streak," Zelikovsky said. "We've perfected our doubles line-up and we've won the doubles point every match in our last few, which will definitely continue in the future. Our freshman Amar Tahirovic has been a great asset to the team, aiding us greatly in both doubles and singles. Our team has never been better, and we'll continue to win all the way to the Patriot League Championships."

The Orange and Blue face Siena College and St. Bonaventure next weekend, where they hope to make the win streak five and six.

## Track and Field had a victorious weekend

Lauren Medeiros  
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This past weekend, the Bucknell Men and Women's Indoor Track Team hosted the Bison Tune-up meet.

The men's team dominated the meet, winning six events and scoring seven IC4A qualifications.

In the 60 Meter Dash, both Brandon Foust '25 and Cooper Hyken '26 earned IC4A qualifications with Foust winning first place at 6.93 seconds and Hyken in second place at 6.95 seconds. Additionally, in the 200 Meter Dash, Cameron Sloan '23 finished fourth with a time of 22.64, scoring him a spot at IC4A.

Two other athletes who finished in first place and earned IC4A participation were Colby Belczyk '25 and Brain Scotto '25. Belczyk finished the 500 Meter Run with a time of 1:05.87, while Scotto completed the 60 Meter Hurdles with a time of 8.23 seconds.

Braden Stryker '25 (Shot Put) and Robert Feeney '24 (Weight Throw) battled tough competition, and both came out victorious in second place, securing their ticket to the IC4A championship.

Additionally, three more Bison athletes who won gold for the team were Gardy Philogene '26 and Max Spaulding '24, who tied in first place in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 51.79, as well as Grant Ellis '25, who jumped 6-05.00 in the High Jump.

On the women's side, a strong performance was also shown with another ECAC qualification and a new top-ten record.

In the 500 Meter Run, Anna Posh '25 ran an outstanding race at 1:15.90, earning her ECAC qualification.

In the 60 Meter Hurdles, Noel Fullman '25 finished in third place with a time of 9.04, which wrote her into the Bucknell record books at ninth all-time.

Furthermore, the Bison scored several first-place victories. Lila Gaughan '24 clinched the gold in the 60 Meter Dash with a time of 7.95.

Similarly, Colleen Linko '24 earned top honors in two events: the 400 Meter Run with a time of 59.91, and as a leg of the Bucknell "A" Team for the 4x400 Meter Relay with Maddy Hippensteel '24, Eva Lindner '24 and Sarah Durkan '24. The relay team's time of 4:09.13 outpaced all other competition.

The final first-place winner was Sarah Policano '25 who led the way in the Mile Run with a time of 5:16.49.

An outstanding thrower this weekend was Christine Ajao '25 who earned second in Shot Put and third in Weight Throw. Her placement won her a title of Patriot League Field Athlete of the Week.

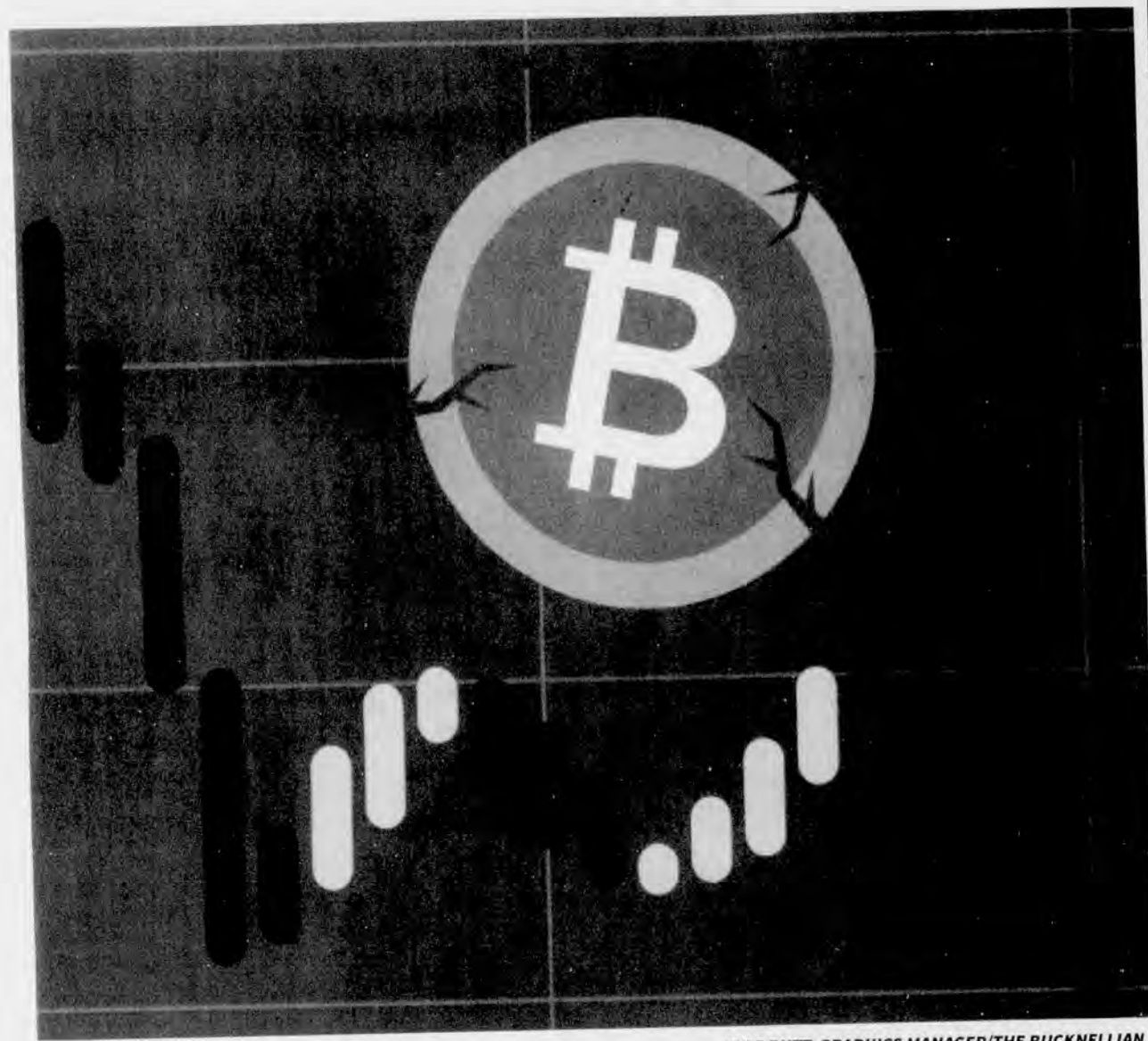
Other athletes showing excellent performances were Abby Eisold '24 scoring second in the High Jump, Lauren Joyce '26 racing to fourth in the 3000 Meter Run, Jenny Scott '23 placing fourth in the Pole Vault and Kaia Slaw '24 jumping to fourth in the High Jump.

Next Weekend on Feb. 25 and 26, the Bison are traveling to Annapolis, Md., to compete in the Patriot League Championships.



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# Slow Recovery Following FTX Collapse



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How did we get here? Cryptocurrency pioneers saw an opportunity for assets that would be out of reach from the banking sector. In his love letter to crypto, creator Satoshi Nakamoto depicts Bitcoin as a trusted currency that would not be subject to the faulty decision-making of banks and financial institutions who had taken advantage of their vast access to credit in the past, and exacerbated boom and bust cycles.

However, trust in cryptocurrency is hanging on by a thread after the FTX collapse in late 2022. As we are still trying to repay FTX customers months later, it is important to consider whether that thread has been permanently severed or if it can be built up again.

The New York Times reports that around \$8 billion was lost from the FTX bankruptcy — \$400 million has been found at JPMorgan Chase through FTX co-founder Sam Bankman-Fried's investment in Modulo Capital and negotiations for the return of that money is underway.

Additionally, they cite billions tied up in customer accounts and companies. The New York Times notes that assets bought using customers' FTX funds have been seized, and that funds

Bankman-Fried had given to politicians are actively being sought after. The rebound from this collapse is only beginning as money is meticulously detangled from the web of faulty transactions undertaken by FTX. Where can we go from here?

If trust is supposed to be gained by freedom from banking institutions, then how will we regulate major crypto players going forward? BBC explained that Bankman-Fried stole billions of dollars from FTX customers for other investments and for financing within his other firm, Alameda. Banks are not the enemy here. Any institution or person in a position of power with trust from their customers can partake in questionable financing. Without adequate regulation, busts can occur in every corner of the financial universe.

The New Yorker looks at the recent collapse as a way to create stronger regulation for digital currencies moving forward. The world of crypto assets is new and leading up to the crash, there was no doubt lax regulation due to not knowing exactly what needed to be restricted or overseen. But after an analysis of what went wrong within FTX, regulators can take

major strides. For example, The New Yorker describes FTX as largely off-the-books, with employees using auto-deleting communicative platforms and a hazy record of transactions. Similar firms should be required to keep an adequate record of transactions, and the S.E.C., along with other regulatory agents, should ensure that these firms are acting accordingly.

Critics of crypto assets question whether crypto is able to create any value-added for the economy. Particularly, Economics professors Tomás N. Rotta & Edemilson Paraná argue that because cryptocurrency requires indirect labor from the energy that powers mining software and computers rather than direct labor, there is no new wealth to be generated from crypto assets. Moreover, the money that appears to be generated is actually capital that has been stripped from other sectors of the economy.

In addition to the necessary strides in regulatory processes surrounding digital currencies, it is imperative that we consider how to restructure crypto into something that can generate capital and foster economic development for all people rather than a select few with the power and resources.



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## The Unspoken Truth of Depression at Bucknell

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Depression seems to be a term thrown around everywhere these days, which can make it hard to convey feelings without using hyperbole. Of course, there is a difference between sadness and depression, nerves and anxiety, organization and OCD; but these are often muddled, and so it becomes difficult to identify what you're truly feeling. All this is to say that navigating emotions is difficult, but learning how to do so without the constant exaggeration or lack thereof is important. Learning your triggers is also important — especially in college.

Bucknell is known to be a party school with a love and appreciation for academics, which can be hard to fathom for onlookers. It's hard to fathom for students, even, especially first years attempting to settle in. Students flood the library all week, laptops open and homework scattered about. There is no doubt that there is a deep respect for academia and what it means to go to a school with a scholarly reputation. No doubt. But when Friday rolls around, the library becomes vacant and the crowd migrates to the downtown fraternity houses, drenched in sweat and booze, and swarmed with screams of 2000s hits. The library is a forgotten home, abandoned at the thought of no class on Saturday.

Of course all of this is known fact, and it's a cycle that the average Bucknellian assimilates to in time. Yet, I've seen people fall out of the "going-out" crew, to whom weekends become mere days off and the gossip carries over to the next morning on FaceTime or in passing on the way to class. Many of these people have transferred, found better experiences in another town filled with less sticky Solo cups and worn-out Elf Bars dead in grass, but still latent with the ability to drink on

Wednesdays and be a teenager. So, is it the parties itself that cause this unspoken epidemic of depression at Bucknell?

In the Vice article "Partying With Depression Turned My Life Upside Down," an anonymous author wrote "...the shame of the previous night's behavior... would propagate a new cycle of self-hatred and criticism..." To a lesser extent, I've seen this occur in my friends' life, the regret after their drunk alter ego took over the night before becoming a weekly process. In this article, the author copes with depression through the use of alcohol and clubs, despite it pulling them into a deeper hole each time. Of course, there is a clear allusion to addiction, which is something that often seeps out of college with a person, and is unspoken during the four years, chalked up to 'college fun.' This is a wormhole for another day.

But, as I said, I have friends who have transferred with one of the reasons being the intense Greek party life. Yet, they continue to drink at their new school, without the problems they voiced having here. To this, I explore the issue of having nothing else to do. In Lewisburg, as one could imagine, there are a few bars, tons of fast food places and maybe one bowling alley a few miles away. So, it's safe to say frat parties are the go-to weekend activity for most of us. But what happens when one person becomes fed up with it?

I became that person in the spring semester last year, after wearing myself out the semester before. Now, I go to sleep by 11 p.m. on Fridays, and get used to the idea that if I don't go out, I don't see my friends. This is an unspoken dimension of party culture in a town like Lewisburg. And it's just one of the aspects of this particular kind of school that leads to the dark hole that is depression.

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# ChatGPT threatens learning

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Just as teachers are getting better at detecting plagiarism, students are getting better at cheating. The cycle repeats itself, and the emergence of platforms like ChatGPT aren't helping. ChatGPT is an A.I.-generator that has the capability to write texts when given any type of subject or question. Students are using this generator to their advantage for school assignments and essays.

If students are aimlessly using ChatGPT to do their homework, without an ounce of their own input and perspective, then they are cheating themselves just as much as they are on their assignments. They are not actively absorbing information in the way intended by the assignment given to them, and they are not acquiring the skills that will help them after graduation.

More than the information in the assignment itself, students that are cutting corners with ChatGPT are not learning how to manage their time or work through projects from start to finish. These two facets of a school assignment are essential for many postgraduate jobs. The lessons learned from collaborating on work in addition to taking on projects individually will be lost if students turn to generators. And

the stakes are much higher if a person fails on a project in their work relative to the classroom, where cheating is not an option. Rather than a bad grade, they risk their job.

Students are also missing out on one of the most rewarding feelings. There is something so special about the moment when an assignment clicks and you can finally get writing. You've spent hours pulling information from your class resources and dissecting an essay question. The process itself goes from trying to get through an indestructible web of questions and uncertainties into a lit path leading to the finish line, when the assignment hits the professor's desk. The lightbulb turns on and the words come flooding out. Regardless of career opportunities, the self-fulfillment from submitting a seemingly impossible assignment is unmatched.

Even teachers are taking advantage of ChatGPT. The New York Times details a teacher who used the text generator to provide feedback on his students' papers and found that its feedback was stronger than what he felt even he could provide. Not only are text generators jeopardizing education from the students' side, but also from the teachers side.

These text-generating resources are not going anywhere. The New York Times reports some school districts trying to block them from use on their school laptops, but that won't stop students from accessing them. They note that a Princeton student has even developed ChatGPTZero, a platform set out to detect A.I. in students' writing. But platforms like these have their limits and as A.I. continues to improve, they will have to improve themselves to detect what work is from a human and what is from a generator.

Therefore, it is imperative that schools rework their own structure to accommodate the emergence of A.I.. The New York Times offers some solutions. Teachers should allow access to generators for the rest of the year as a resource rather than a tool that will complete the entirety of a students' work. After this school year, teachers and faculty can spend time reworking their curriculum to replace at-home assignments with in-person assignments where teachers can ensure that text generators aren't being used. They need to ensure that learning goals are still met so that future generations obtain the adequate skills and experience that the world requires of them.

# A newly accessible Duo

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In the past few weeks, there have been a few significant updates to the interface, or the web display, of Duo Authentication. What we all have known for years as the little box with the green buttons is now a system that, for most, automatically sends a push notification to our phones with no extra button-pressing required. There have been some issues that have risen from this update, especially in the process of logging into the Bucknell VPN off-campus, but the new interface makes updating your authentication to allow push notifications easier than ever.

It is as simple as pressing "other options," "manage devices," and then verifying your identity with a text or DuoSOS code. Furthermore, the Library and IT department maintains a database of articles with instructions on fixing some of the most common issues experienced by members of the campus community; this database can be found by searching ask.bucknell.edu in your preferred search engine.

According to Tech Desk Manager Bud Hiller, the new Duo interface is great because it offers many new easy-to-use features that were not as cut-and-dry in the old system. These include the ability to manage your devices right from your phone rather than from a computer, as well as automatically defaulting to the verification method used at prior login. This means that reactivating your account when

you get a new phone or changing your verification method to allow for push notifications can be done independently in about a minute or less, especially with the help of the Duo Reactivation Ask article.

In terms of defaulting to prior verification methods, this essentially means that the user will automatically receive a push notification upon logging into Duo if that was the last method they employed for verification. However, if the user were to click "other options" and then choose a different method, the next time the user were to login, the system would then automatically default to that method unless otherwise changed. In essence, the update limits the amount of time it typically takes to authenticate with Duo as well as the time it takes to reactivate or otherwise make changes to your account should the need arise.

From my own perspective as a student worker at the Tech Desk, the majority of students, faculty and staff alike who have contacted the desk with Duo-related questions since the interface change have concluded their experience with some variation of the phrase "wow, that was so much easier than I thought it would be!"

Of course, whether those community members actually find the new interface to be easier or not, I cannot say; I do not speak for or otherwise represent anyone in the Bucknell community in praising the accessibility of this Duo update.

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# Bucknell's Theatre & Dance department asks audiences "Can We Talk About It?"

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Bucknell's Theatre and Dance Department presented "Can We Talk About It?: Recurrence," a forum theatre performance, on Feb. 17-20. The play was originally conceived by the THEA 390 class of Fall 2022 and was then developed by cfrancis blackchild (instructor of THEA 390) and the performance's ensemble.

Forum theatre is a form of performance in which the same scene is performed twice, but the audience has the chance to interact with and alter the second scene. In between these two performances, there is a chance for the audience to ask questions to the actors as they remain in character, in order to gain more information that could influence their interactions. In this performance, actors could also be "timed out," and whatever they told the audience would not be known by the rest of the characters. Then, as the scene restarts, the audience is now allowed to yell "stop!" at any moment they choose and step in as a new character in order to reroute the scene towards a more productive outcome.

"Ultimately, a Forum Theatre play is only finished when the audience, the community's 'spect-actors,' show up and work with the characters to create a better outcome," blackchild said. "We were fortunate to have engaged audiences throughout the run of the show. It was awesome to watch members of Bucknell apply their problem-solving skills to help the members of the contentious study group find common ground."

"Recurrence" was written to address social issues at Bucknell, based on the Bucknell University 2011 Campus Climate report. The students of THEA 390 used national data, the research of Bucknell scholars Dr. Bill Flack, Dr. Erica Delsandro, Dr. David Rojas, Hannah Holt and student input to inform their writing. What resulted was a scene based in fictional "Louisburgh University," in which a group of students from a social justice dinner seminar are tackling a recent incident on campus.

The performance is prefaced by the facilitators, Ariel E. Ulrich '25 on Feb. 18 and 19, Maya Gurung '26 and Kaitlyn Carduff '25 on 17 and 20, explaining the interactive features and the facilitators would then continue to move the show along between scenes and during audience interaction.

"The entire forum theatre process was very interesting for me personally," read Gurung's actor's statement in the program. "I have never been in a show before where I had played the character outside of the scene and was able to voice intentions I have due to things that happen outside the scene."

The scene begins with characters Hope, a role split by Gurung and Jazmin Ramirez '23, and Leilani, portrayed by Twity Gitonga '24, waiting for others to join their class meeting. The group is supposed to be brainstorming responses to a recent incident in which multiple Black History Month bulletin boards have been vandalized and torn in the residence halls, their hall being the most recent. Leilani immediately characterizes herself as a determined social activist, whereas Hope seems concerned about the issue, yet a little resigned due to work pressure from her major and peers.

The first student to join them is Zara (Azhani Duncan-Reese '23) who clashes with Leilani because she seems disinterested in contributing to the cause. The two are in the middle of a heated argument when Jamie (Carduff/Ulrich) appears at the door, frozen there until Leilani notices her. Jamie stammers out a "hi" before walking across the "room" to get some packets of sugar, and her peers ask if she's going to stay for the meeting.

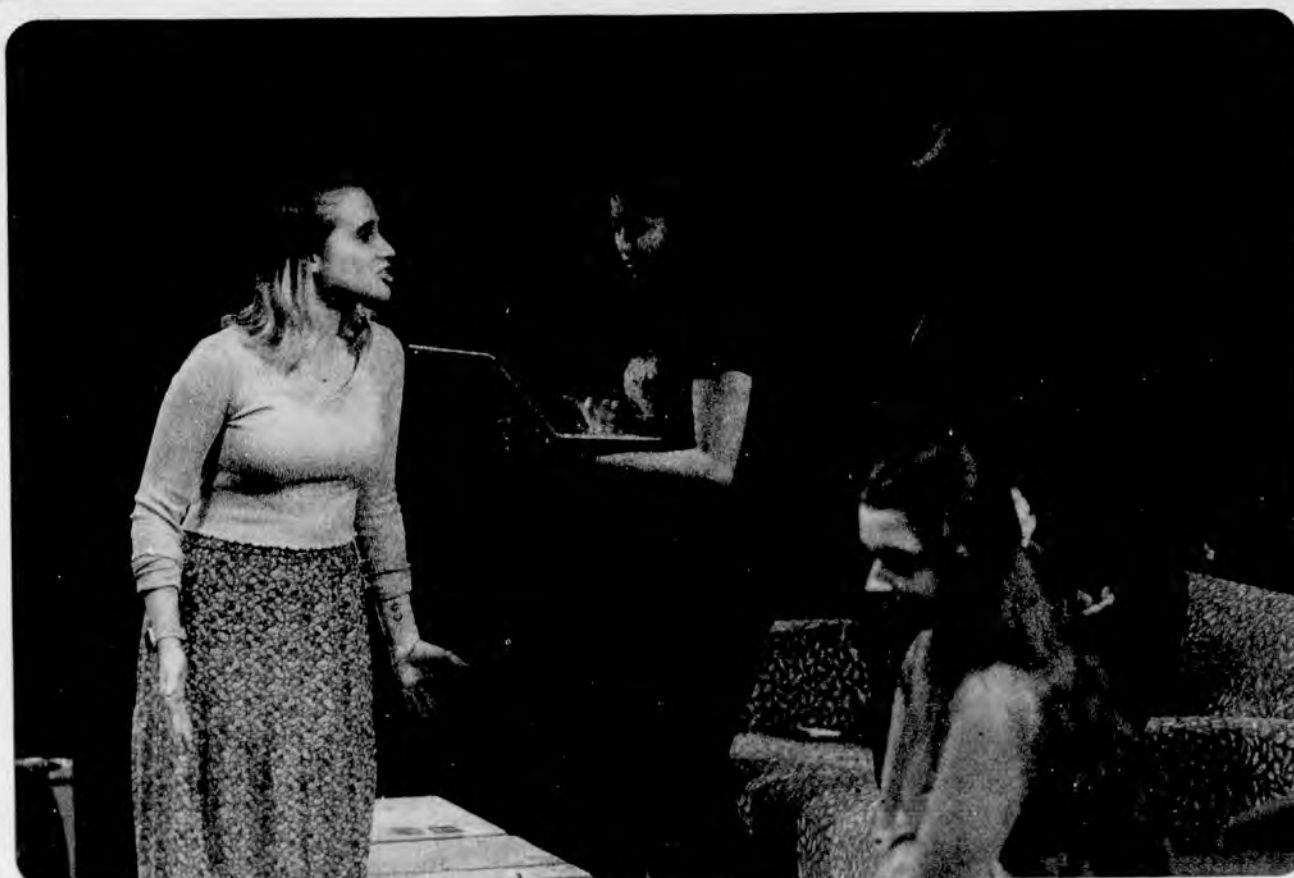
Jamie admits she was unaware of the meeting because she hadn't read their professor's e-mail, and the others ask Jamie if she's even aware of the incident. Sitting down, she says that she knew it had happened to other halls but didn't know it had struck theirs as well. The others accuse the frat brothers that Jamie hangs around of being the perpetrators, which does nothing but rile up the group even more.

"Being able to go so in depth with the characters allowed for some really good questions to be asked," read Ulrich's actor's statement. "I am so grateful that I was granted the opportunity to be a part of this ensemble amongst these other wonderful actors."

The last to join the meeting is Cam, Brynn Withey '26, who builds off of the accusations towards Jamie's friends, insisting that if Jamie knows who it was that she should tell the group. Cam then begins to build her character as a "white savior," formulating solutions and responses to the incident without consulting the students of color in the room. She mentions that she had been talking with Habitat for Humanity in her hometown, which caused more outrage in the group because they were confused as to how that relates to the issue at hand. Finally, the scene goes dark.

At this point, the audience was able to begin their interaction with the performance and ask the characters questions. The scene then played out again, with audience members yelling out "stop!" ("in the name of love," blackchild jokes) and step into the scene to change its direction and hopefully reroute it away from the argument that has unfolded. Professors were allowed to step in as themselves, and anyone else was expected to step in as a peer.

"Working on 'Can We Talk About It?' has been a really interesting experience, both from a technical perspective and a theatrical one," James Howe '23, Stage Manager, said. "As the show went on and I identified more with some of the characters, it was interesting seeing how the audience interacted with them, what they were called out on and the solutions which were offered to them. This allowed me to reflect on my own biases and how I hold myself going through life."



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## BSU Hosts Annual Stomp Out



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## Farms deliver locally produced food to campus

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Since the fall of 2022, Bucknell has worked with Crossroad Farms to have local produce and other fresh foods delivered to campus.

This movement was spearheaded by Tori Casquarelli '24. Crossroad Farms delivers dairy products, bakery items, produce, prepared food and meats. Through their website, one can order these local goods which are then delivered Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and available at the pavilion outside of Rooke Science Building.

The Bucknellian spoke to Casquarelli about Crossroad Farms and her experience since bringing it to Bucknell, which she answered in an email. Check out Crossroad Farm's website to see the full menu or place an order at <https://crossroadfarms.farm/>.

### How did the idea to bring local food to campus emerge?

“In the 2022 spring semester, I was a Center for Social Science Research Fellow. My original goal for that semester was to bring a full-blown Farmer’s Market to campus. At the time, I didn’t realize how hefty this goal was. There were a ton of logistics to work out: where the farmers would set up, if there was room for big trucks, advertising, using Bucknell property for an outside business, etc. Once I realized that this might not be the most feasible option, I worked with my research mentor, Clare Sammells (the best), and came up with a new plan. We found Crossroad Farms, an online ordering platform run by a local couple who own a dairy

farm. On the website, there are products from their own dairy farm along with items from other local farmers. For the rest of that 2022 spring semester, I worked with the owners of Crossroad Farms, Clare Sammells, Bucknell’s Nutrition Specialist Tanya Williams, Mark Spiro, Dean Amy Badal and Jen Partica to get everything worked out. Then, in July 2022, Dean Badal approved my proposal to allow Crossroad Farms to deliver to campus.”

### How does this service benefit the Bucknell community as well as the greater Lewisburg community?

“The goal for bringing Crossroad Farms’ delivery service to campus was to benefit all students, staff, and faculty of Bucknell along with supporting local farmers in the area. I especially had first-year students in mind with this service, as they aren’t allowed cars on campus. However, I have gotten a lot of faculty orders, ‘surprise gift’ orders from parents to their kids, and orders from graduate students. People ordering from Crossroad Farms are getting local, fresh food while supporting local businesses. It’s a win-win situation for both.”

### When did the farms begin delivering to school, and what sparked your idea in the first place?

“Crossroad Farms officially started delivering to campus the fall 2022 semester. I think what initially sparked this idea was my passion for combating food insecurity. I have done research on this for almost three years now, and

## Bucknell professor captures photos of green comet

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News Co-Editor

A green comet traveling through space made its closest approach to Earth on Feb. 1 and Professor Jack Gallimore, a physics professor at the University, photographed the comet before it left the solar system forever, using telescopes at the Bucknell Observatory.

The comet, officially named C/2022 E3 (ZTF) was originally discovered by the Zwicky Transient Facility (ZTF) in early March 2022, and was the third of its kind found that year. However, what made this comet unique was its green glow. In a previous interview with NorthCentralPA.com, Gallimore explained that the comet is green is because of the carbon molecules being heated by the solar UV rays.

He also said in this interview that “current calculations suggest that the comet has been on an inbound orbit for 50,000 years,

which means it originally orbited at a distance beyond 14,000 times the distance between the Earth and the Sun.

When it passed by on Feb. 1 and 2, it was on an “escape orbit,” according to Gallimore.

“Determining whether a comet is on a periodic orbit or an escape trajectory is straightforward,” Gallimore said, when asked by The Bucknellian about how he knew the comet’s trajectory. “In a periodic orbit, a celestial object is constantly falling toward another... The maximum speed of the comet’s orbit is close to or exceeds the escape speed, meaning that it will leave the solar system.”

“My personal interest in the comet is more related to astrophotography as a hobby than astronomy as a profession,” he said. “The Bucknell Observatory has a new suite of telescopes that we use for classes and public outreach, and I have been working on getting them ready for regular use.”

Gallimore had originally heard about the comet “through the grapevine.” However, the most important information was about the comet’s brightness.

“Some calculations suggested it might be visible without a telescope... Predicting the maximum brightness of a comet is very challenging because they evolve rapidly as they approach the Sun,” Gallimore said. “Unfortunately, C/2022 E3 did not get bright enough to view without at least binoculars.”

Gallimore said it was a new telescope setup that he has been working on that allowed him to find the comet.

“I found the comet easily and could track its motion relative to background stars,” he said. “With the new setup, Bucknell astronomy students can track comets and asteroids similarly and learn to work out the orbits themselves.”

Gallimore’s Instagram — @jgallimo — currently displays time-lapsed images of the comet’s motion.



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# breaking the bubble

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## DOMESTIC

Pennsylvania state Rep. Joanna McClinton was elected to serve as Speaker of the Pennsylvania House on Tuesday. She is the first woman ever to win the position and is also the second ever African American to do so after late Speaker Leroy Irvins in the 1970s. McClinton grew up in southwest Philadelphia and lives there to this day. She worked both as a public defender and state Senate attorney, and went on to be the first woman to hold the position of the Democratic floor leader in 2020.

The Chips Act, a bill signed in 2022 meant to provide \$53 billion for the growth of the semiconductor industry in the United States, now has a set of conditions for eligible domestic semiconductor facilities. The Commerce Department unveiled the conditions last Tuesday which aim to ensure that the taxpayer funding is protected and the administration's national security goals are met. Conditions include limits on stock buybacks, the use of union workers for the construction of the facilities, and ensuring childcare for both construction and factory workers. One of the Chips Act goals is to increase the number of appliance chips being produced in the United States through the boost of the semiconductor industry, and stems from U.S. reliance on China for their appliance chips and the shortage of chips that persisted during the pandemic.

## INTERNATIONAL

Last Monday, the United Kingdom and European Union agreed on a deal that would free up trade between Britain and Northern Ireland, eliminating a problem that has persisted since the United Kingdom's official withdrawal from the EU in 2020. To alleviate the problem of harsh border controls and assure Northern Ireland's U.K. status, U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen agreed to the "Windsor Framework." The deal calls for the creation of green lanes and red lanes for goods arriving into Northern Ireland. Goods entering through green lanes include anything that will stay in the region, and will therefore not be subject to EU's customs clearance. Goods that will be sold on to the Republic of Ireland, a member of the EU, will have to go through red lanes to enter Northern Ireland which require full EU customs clearance. The formation of lanes allows the EU to regulate the quality of goods entering their Single Market while also freeing trade barriers that Northern Ireland has been subjected to.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill last Monday that revokes Disney World's status as a special tax district. This bill comes after Disney CEO Bob Chapek's statement last month that he would support the repeal of Florida's Parental Rights in Education Act, an act that restricts classroom discussion of gender identity and sexual orientation. DeSantis stated that the corporation had "crossed the line" by opposing it. The bill abolishes Disney's exemption from state regulatory reviews and a five-person state board now oversees the municipal services of the 25,000 acres that Disney World operates on.

## LOCAL PRODUCE

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it is a problem that I can never seem to get out of my head. My original plan when granted the Center for Social Science Research Fellowship was to use this opportunity to address food insecurity on campus. I had the idea of bringing a farmer's market to campus, but as I mentioned, that didn't quite work out. My research mentor came across Crossroad Farms, and we thought this would be a great sort of 'compromise' for my original goal. I acknowledge Crossroad Farms' delivery service to campus is not a simple solution to ending food insecurity, but I can only hope that it will make one person's life more convenient and fresh food more accessible."

Have there been any challenges since the start of this?

"I would say the biggest challenge has been getting the word out. There are only so many times you can post something on the Message Center. Also, the fact that this is a business outside of Bucknell means that offices like the CAP Center are not permitted to advertise it for me. In the meantime, I've been utilizing professors, asking them to spread the word, hanging posters (especially concentrated in first-year halls) and have been posting on the message center."

## BSG Vice President of Administration steps down

Sal Iovino  
Digital Managing Editor

Nearly two weeks have passed since now-former Bucknell Student Government Vice President of Administration Lena DiFazio '24 stepped down from her position. DiFazio is being replaced by Christine Ajao '25.

In regards to her step down, DiFazio provided the following comment to the Bucknellian: "My choice to resign was a result of the strenuous academic schedule I have this semester in preparation for my post graduate studies as well as my commitment to the Bucknell Dance Company on scholarship."

In the wake of several weeks of turmoil and turnover within BSG, DiFazio's resignation is the latest in a series of students leaving the organization throughout February.

"Accountability is important, and I'm glad to see that BSG upholds the standards

it claims are central to its operation," Class of 2023 President Nabeel Jan said, when asked for a comment on the turnover in BSG, particularly pertaining to DiFazio's resignation.

Jan's claim regarding accountability largely echoes the statements of former class of 2025 President Gabby Diaz, who cited the lack of accountability within not only BSG but within administration and oversight of the organization as central reasons for her resignation.

It is uncertain whether the trend of turnover within the organization will continue to occur through the upcoming weeks and months, however, BSG as an organization continues to deliver its regular student programming. Various sources within the organization have made comments emphasizing that students voices are heard and that initiatives are in place to address the concerns of the student body.



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## Kasich and Axelrod criticize “culture wars” and technology at third Speaker Series event

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Bucknell University hosted its third forum on the series theme “The State of American Democracy” on Feb. 28, this time President John Bravman was joined by guest speakers John Kasich, former governor of Ohio, and David Axelrod, former Democratic chief strategist and senior adviser to President Barack Obama.

After being introduced by Bravman, both Kasich and Axelrod dove into conversation on the current state of politics and particularly the division consuming the parties today.

Kasich, a Republican, acknowledged that moderation is still within the demographics of America, proof being the past 2022 Congressional elections. Axelrod took a broad outlook by highlighting the profits that come with division. Both spoke of the disdain of “culture wars” and the threat of immense change facilitated by technology within our society.

Throughout the discussion of the polarization of politics, Axelrod specifically remarked about the essential workers and the plight of the Democratic Party for not recognizing and respecting the true American worker.

“One thing that struck during the pandemic was that there are a lot of people out there that do the things we need,” Axelrod said. “Somehow, when

the crisis is over, we do not recognize their heroism anymore. We have to be more sensitive about that.”

Kasich furthered the conversation of respect in America by tying to religion and faith, by saying “whether they are Jewish, Christian, or Muslim or other, there is an element of respect there in that person. We owe those people respect.”

With that, Axelrod and Kasich discussed their views on the 2024 Presidential Election and their beliefs on who will be on the ticket. With people from both parties sharing their intention to run, both men speculated the popularity and electability between all the potential and declared candidates.

Additionally, they discussed issues that might arise on the presidential debate floor and how each nominee and party should handle them in order to obtain enough swing voters to win a general election.

From there, Bravman took the conversation from the White House to the Supreme Court. Each man discussed their views on the legitimacy of the judicial branch and how the Congress has acted and should act on checking the court. With the justices overturning *Roe v. Wade* and hearing cases pertaining to student debt, both Kasich and Axelrod debated in a friendly manner whether precedent should overrule ideology.

Both agreed that there is a crisis in regards to the price there

is to pay for not only education but also entitlements and how Congress needs to act in a non-partisan way to alleviate this problem and deal with the debt ceiling crisis so the younger generations are not burdened with it. This would require, as Kasich said, “both parties to recognize ideas from the other side because the longer we wait, the tougher it’ll get.” Axelrod responded in turn saying, “so many politicians weaponize our problems instead of solving them, and I think that really frustrates Americans.”

They finished the forum with a bipartisan discussion on gun control and the mental health crisis in this country. With differing, yet similar views and solutions on the regulation of guns and the gun lobby, both men stressed the importance of increasing mental health resources and funding across this country by touching on personal experiences.

Each man was asked to say something nice about the other man’s party. Kasich, being a person who grew up in a Democratic household, remarked that he admires how close the Democrats are to America’s biggest problems and how he never saw the opposing party as “the enemy.”

Axelrod commented on the invigorating history of the Republican Party in shaping the power of the United States and spoke highly of its founder, Abraham Lincoln.

## Griot Institute hosts incoming VP of Equity & Inclusive Excellence Vernese Edghill-Walden ‘87

**Maximus Bean**  
and **Michael Taromina**  
News Co-Editor and Assistant News Editor

Vernese Edghill-Walden ‘87, the recently-appointed Vice President of Equity & Inclusive Excellence at Bucknell, spoke in the Hildreth-Mirza Humanities Center on March 1. The event ran from 7 -8:30 p.m. and centered on “Legacies that Transform Community.”

Marcus Scales, director of Multicultural Student Services, moderated the event.

Edghill-Walden first spoke of her backstory and the road she took to get her to Bucknell. Starting life in New York City and moving to Poconos, Pa., never did she imagine herself landing in rural central at a university that would change her life. In the end, she claimed, it was “the best decision of her life.”

Her experiences at Bucknell had a heavy impact on her life. In her words, Bucknell to her was an “elitist institution,” and throughout her time she “didn’t feel like she belonged here” until she found her community. There were only “60 Black students at the time” and as a result they “built their own community and saw themselves as a family.”

“Not everybody graduated with me,” she added. “Bucknell was not an easy place to be.” She knew ever since she graduated that she wanted to be an “advocate for students.”

Throughout the talk, she delved into why and how she found a purpose in activism within the small confines of

Bucknell. She touched on the impact Bucknell’s small “bubble-like” community had on her and the current events going on in the outside world and history that motivated her to continue her education and make the most of it in order to make a difference.

When asked about her words of wisdom for current students for creating and leaving a legacy in college, she told the audience that they need to “find purpose and passion” during their tenure at Bucknell. The best way for this is to “find your people who inspire you” and create those communities on-campus.

In the description about Dr. Edghill-Walden, it said that she “held several roles at Richard J. Daley College and the system office of the City Colleges of Chicago including Director of Institutional Research and Provost. Preceding the City Colleges, she served as the Director of Diversity at Georgetown Day School and the Director of the Center for Black Culture at the University of Delaware.”

The forum ended with a brief question and answer session where Edghill-Walden was asked and touched upon her upcoming role and responsibilities at Bucknell, and tips to foster a community despite the tension a small university can give.

The event was co-sponsored by the Multicultural Student Services, Center for Alumni & Family Engagement, Office of Civic Engagement, Department of Education, CommUnity Zone.

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## 10 years ago in The Bucknellian: Editorial: Conversations about diversity should extend beyond the Greek community

Many students would say that the University has a lack of diversity. The majority of students are Caucasian, wealthy and in Greek life. The bigger problem here is the lack of understanding of the differences in the school's community.

Recently, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) began a lecture/discussion series entitled "Diversifying the Greeks." The goal of the series is to encourage conversations among Greek organization members about diversity issues on campus—multiculturalism, sexuality, etc. Some people say that starting conversations is the way to solve problems. There does not have to be a concrete solution in every idea presented, but getting the ideas and comments flowing is what leads to students making a difference for themselves. Bringing issues such as multiculturalism to the front of the students' minds will cause them to make better choices in regards to how to handle multiculturalism on campus.

This sounds like a pretty efficient plan, and something that is extremely useful to students as we prepare to enter a world much more diverse than the University community. While this series is a great idea, we have to wonder if it is going to solve the diversity problems on campus. Why are only Greek students being given these opportunities? The entire campus should be encouraged to attend these conversations. One could argue

that the majority of campus is Greek, so that's the only statistic that matters. But it is that exact division and stereotype that just feeds the problem.

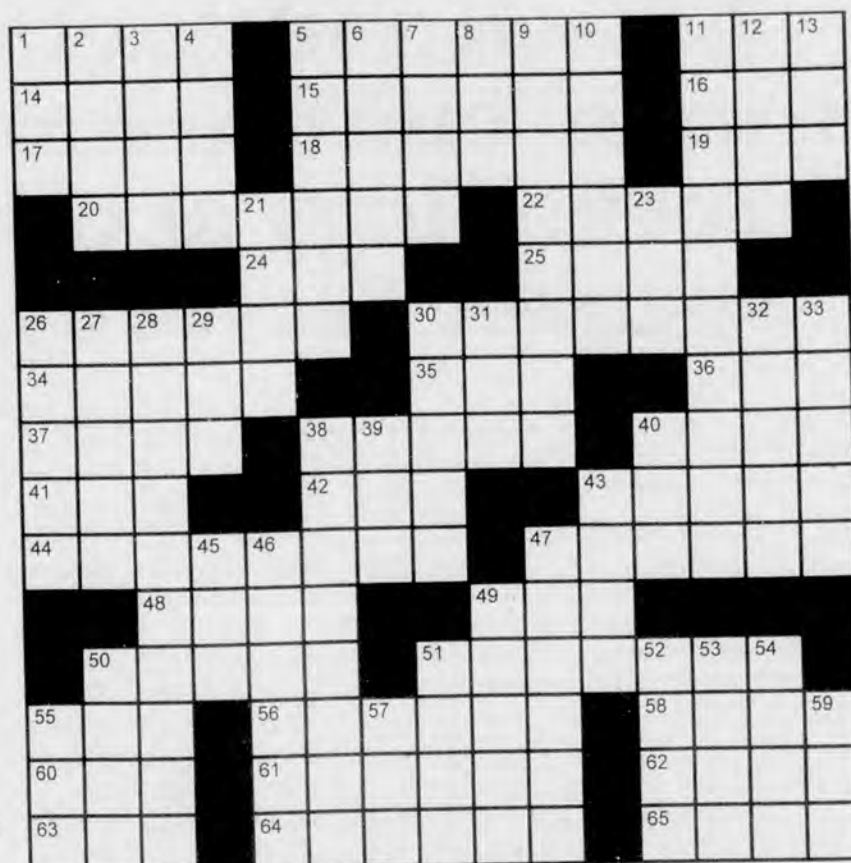
Problems that we see here are not confined within the Greek community. There is a larger force at work—the University, as much as it encourages diversity, does not have the statistics to support it.

Further, Greek students are often encouraged to attend other organization's events. They are a captive audience, being told to do anything and everything to show that Greek life is not their only activity on campus. But shouldn't this be a two-way street? Greek organizations hold numerous events every semester that are open to all of campus. Unaffiliated students do not receive pressure or encouragement to attend these events any more than the occasional Message Center post or passing poster, just because they are not a captive audience. Is there a way to encourage other students to interact with Greek students, therefore bridging the gap with a more effective two-way street, as opposed to a forced one-way street?

Overall, all students on campus should be open to new cultures. Try something new every day. Learn more about someone in a different social group than you. Enrich not only yourself, but help bridge the gaps on campus that can make it such an uncomfortable place for minorities.

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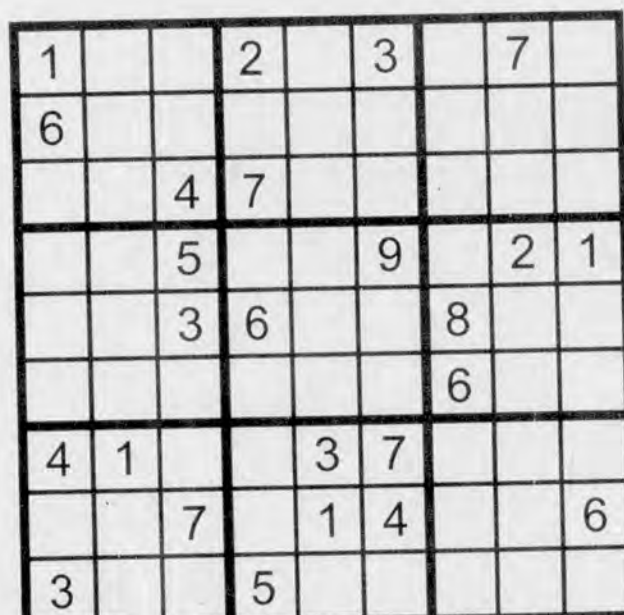
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- 29 Mock, in a way
- 30 Traffic sign
- 31 Escort's offering
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- 33 Parachute material
- 38 Macabre
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- 40 Hobby shop buy
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- 45 A wee hour
- 46 Some paintings
- 47 Rank
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- 57 Mont Blanc, e.g.
- 59 Sawbuck

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- 7 Horse's motion

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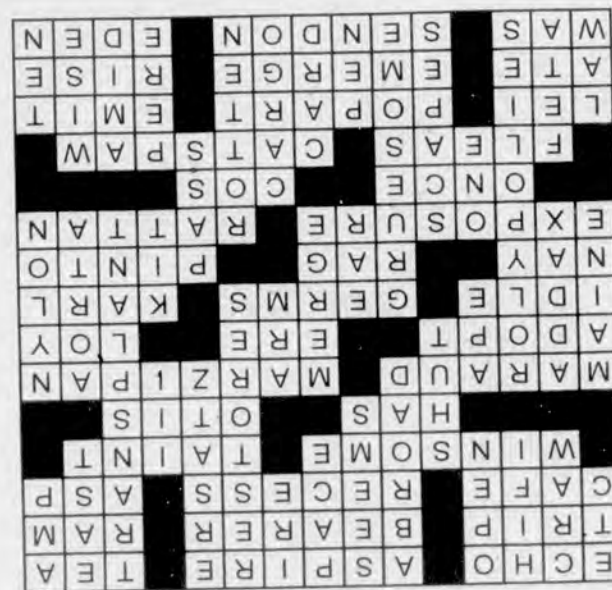
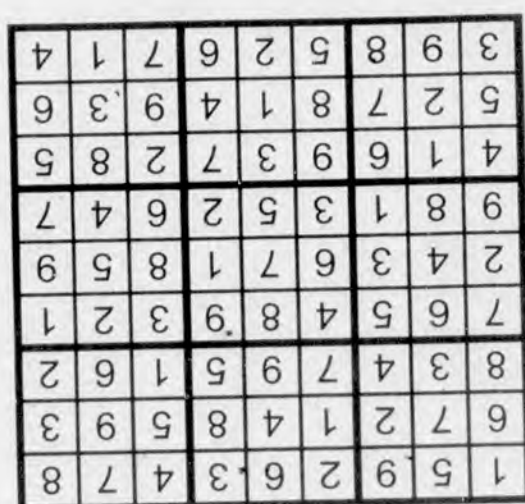
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## Bucknellians pay overachieving high schoolers to take their exams

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With midterm season officially here, Bucknell students are scrambling to catch up in their classes they've been ditching all semester. Ever since the university announced its optional attendance policy, classrooms have been more deserted than Bucknell's student section at athletic events. Students' absences finally caught up to them as they realized they couldn't answer a single question on their midterm study guides.

By students, I mean me. Well, not just me, but certainly including me. What can I say? Given the choice between watching Netflix in bed or listening to my monotoned, middle-aged professor drone on about the Lukewarm War, the correct choice was evident. In the time that I saved by skipping out on my history class, I was able to watch The Polar Express 94 times!

I needed to do well on this exam, since it was worth 58.43 percent of my final grade. There had to be some way for me to learn all 400 years of American history we'd covered so far in my few days before the exam. My midterm was on Wednesday, and I was screwed.

As I skimmed the Bucknell Message Center Digest to distract from my despair, I came across an interesting advertisement:

"Need help on your finals? Lewisburg High School's got your back! Email our Principal, Lewie S. Berg, for more details."

I sent my plea to the unknown address. To my delight, I received a reply within minutes! The message read:

Dear Hayley,

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Regards,

Lewie S. Berg LHS Principal

As it turned out, over 30 percent of Bucknell's students had already signed up for this service. I thought to myself that I may as well sign up, too. After all, if I see others participating in a questionable act, that's always a good indication that I should do it as well.

I replied to the email, notifying Mr. Berg that my history exam was on the coming Wednesday evening. He explained that I had to pay \$20 for an APUSH student, \$50 for a Principal's List scholar, and \$100 for a student who scored 1500+ on the SATs. I venmoed him \$100 and anxiously awaited my pairing.

Later that evening, I was notified that I had been matched with class valedictorian, Bo Jiden, who specializes in American History. This exam will be a breeze.

## Biology Club hosts "Bee-Week" in response to E-Week

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Bucknell has recently been abuzz about the Engineering College's E-Week. From the insane dodge-ball tournament to the banners outside of Dana Engineering, everyone has heard something about the event, to the point where many wish their own departments and organizations would start something similar. And one group decided to do exactly that, with the Biology Club creating Bee-Week.

Now, what is Bee-Week you might ask? Is it a play on biology? Is the event similar to E-Week? The answer is: sort of. Bee-Week is full of fun activities for students and faculty in and outside of the department, occurring the same mid-February week as it's engineering focused cousin, and it's entirely themed around bees! It may seem strange to focus a whole slew of events around those lovely little black and yellow insects that are more often found in the warmer months than the middle of winter, but they hold an important role in the ecosystem that Biology Club thinks should be celebrated.

And what better way to honor them than through interactive activities and guest speaker appearances! A speaking event on Monday showcased some student research on bees and their behaviors. Two guest speakers participated in the event, Dr. Honey Beely, an entomologist who specializes in bee-ology, and beekeeper Piper Hive. The turnout wasn't high, but it was offset by the swarms of students that went to Tuesday night's Trivia and Spelling-Bee event, with every question being centered around, you guessed it: bees!

On Wednesday, there was a Farmers Market on the lawn in front of Rooke Science. The Biology Club invited local small businesses and fresh produce vendors to sell their wares, but due to weather and some issues with school licensing, the market was a bust. Thursday saw another presentation, and then it was Friday and time for the big event: the Honey Collection Contest.

At the event, students signed up as teams of three to collect fresh honey from some of Piper Hive's live hives that were brought to campus and set up in the Field House. While one student mans the smoker to relax the bees, the other two work to collect the honey from the honeycomb frames, and whichever team collected the most after 15 minutes was the winner. Or at least, they would have been, if one team's smoker hadn't malfunctioned and allowed for bees to swarm around the building. People started to flee the building in a panic, making other teams drop their smokers and accidentally knock over their bee boxes, allowing even more bees to fly loose and overtake the space. Few people got hurt in the mad dash to escape, most injuries being minor stings or bruising. But the Field House had to be shut down, facilities needing time to figure out how to remove all the bees before they could make new hives in the vents. With all the chaos and honey that was spilled in the madness, we can only be glad that no bears were attracted to the sticky mess.

## A creative response to Bucknell's parking shortage

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It is a well-known fact that parking is scarce at Bucknell. Just about every student between the grades of sophomore and senior has had problems with parking on campus, ranging anywhere from a mere parking ticket to the occasional physical altercation with PSafe, often resulting in dire consequences for the unfortunate student.

It's probably in the best interest of these students that the stories of their parking incidents are kept secret. Let's instead turn our attention to Josie Bentley '25, a student studying vehicular aviation. Josie had enough of the countless fines filed against her and decided it was time to develop an ingenious plan to ensure she would never be fined again.

Her plan would require her 2008 Honda Civic to take flight. As an aviation engineer, Bentley understood what was needed to lift heavy objects off the ground. After spending hours on eBay to ensure she acquired all the necessary parts, Bentley

finally concluded she had all the pieces required to start the engineering process. She worked tirelessly to make sure her invention was flawless. After all, one misplaced part would cost her much more than any parking ticket could ever amount to.

The manufacturing process was finally completed on one warm Spring morning, which she deemed was the perfect environment for her invention to be put on display. Students would be taking slow, leisurely strolls to their classes, and all eyes would be on her invention when it burst onto the scene.

The day started off normal for Bentley. She drove past Chief Morgan, maneuvered around the parking lot and concluded that there were no additional parking spots available. However, instead of illegally parking in the grass like she normally did, she exited the car and whipped a remote control device out of her pocket.

With the click of a button, and to the surprise of hundreds of surrounding Bucknellians,

the decaying Honda Civic took flight! Watching her invention soar through the breeze, Bentley couldn't help but grin as the memories of all the accumulated parking tickets flooded her mind. Bentley recalled to the Bucknellian her first thought: "Chief Morgan is going to get a load of this."

Bentley was right about this, but not in the way she had envisioned. Instead of reaching its calculated apex of approximately 132 feet, the flying Civic began its dismount early, and to Bentley's horror, the lump of metal began plummeting towards the glass exterior of the management building.

Before she knew it, Bentley's "ingenious" invention had penetrated the walls of Holmes hall, with the screams of students and faculty alike filling the air. She peered over her shoulder, only to find a familiar sight: Chief Morgan furiously scribbling on his notebook.

This time, Bentley knew the consequences would be much graver.

## Students Fuse Together at Makerspace's Fused Glass Event

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The Seventh Street Studio and Makerspace is an excellent way for students on campus to unleash their creativity and artistic talents. From Milkshake and Paint Night to Make Your Own Mosaic DVD tray, the Makerspace really does it all. Recently, the Makerspace has also been delving into the world of fused glass.

While fused glass might seem like an obscure concept to some, it's actually a very versatile material. In the past, the Makerspace has had a Fused Glass Vegetables Night, a Fused Glass Rings Night and a Fused Glass Birds and Bears Night. Most recently, they held a Fused Glass Succulents and Cacti Night, which had disastrous results.

The Succulents and Cacti Night started smoothly; students made wonderful looking cacti that didn't even make you bleed when you touched them. However, one student Tape Raham Lincoln '26 noticed something

strange: students started to fuse together!

"It was so strange," Tape Raham said. "It was like, all of a sudden, I lifted my arm and I was attached to this guy." It turns out that guy was actually Tape's long lost cousin, Iam Stuck.

The degree to which people were fused together varied. Some people were attached together right at the shoulder like conjoined twins, while others were barely fused together at all. One student named Harry Pitts '26 reported that he was only fused to the other person by a single strand of armpit hair. "I hated it," Pitts said. "My pit hair was yanked beyond belief. Look here, I still have a rash from where the hair was torn clean off!" (Our reporter declined to look at Pitt's pits, so we can neither confirm nor deny this claim).

While Pitts was able to escape by plucking off his armpit hairs, others were not so lucky. Two students

that were fused together, Sally Sticky and Jimmy Joined, tried to use scissors to cut themselves free - they were joined at the hips. Unfortunately, the only scissors around were ones that students 3D printed only halfway, rendering them utterly useless.

Others embraced being fused together. A student named Knopf Rends '25 reported, "I actually liked being fused with Harry Pitts. One could say that I just like Harry Pitts in general. It really seemed like we were going to be good friends. That was until he plucked our armpit hairs."

The Makerspace reported that no students were harmed in any way during the event. They also said that all conjoined students were sent to Evangelical Community Hospital to be surgically detached if all other methods failed. Here's hoping that all of the students make a speedy recovery!

## LinkedIn is the new Tinder. Here's why...

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Staff Writer

It has come to my attention that LinkedIn has replaced Tinder as the most popular dating app among Bucknell students. It turns out that Bucknellians don't care if you have six-pack abs, a boat that's not yours in the background of your profile picture or even if you've caught a fish. Instead, Bucknell's students just care about who you know. Rather than asking how tall you are, the first questions people want answered are: "How many connections do you have?" and "Do you have a summer internship lined up?"

Any girl can wear heels, and any guy can put lifts in his shoes, but not many people can have a summer analyst position lined up with Goldman Sachs. We don't care if you have a beautiful smile; we care if

you have 500+ connections! We want access to your network, not to your bougie Jeep that's never left a paved road.

I recently overheard a conversation between two girls at the Bison that went something like this:

"Oh. My. Gosh. Did you hear that Jack made the dean's list?"

"Yeah, I saw his LinkedIn post. It was so well-articulated and professional! He's definitely getting invited to the crush party."

As of late, many Bucknellians have been leaving notes when they connect with someone on the popular networking app. These spicy notes have quickly replaced the classic swiping right and "superliking" on Tinder, as they have proven to be much more flattering.

Moreover, the language used on LinkedIn is scintillating and romantic. Rather than receiving a "wyd" message, you'll get thoughtful messages that start with "Greetings," and end with "Wishing you great success in all your ambitions!"

I'll leave you all with a pro tip: a sure-fire way to let someone know that you're interested in them is to leave a comment on their LinkedIn post. Is Sarah happy to announce that she's accepted a full-time role at L'Oréal? Did Michael just proclaim that he's "starting a new role as the head of Drive-Thru operations at the Selinsgrove McDonalds?" Well, if he did, applaud him! Just comment: "Congratulations! Well deserved." Works every time.



# Bucknell club sports and how to join

Connor Bennett

Staff Writer

Bucknell offers 10 men's club sports, eight women's club sports and four co-recreational sports. Club sports offer students an opportunity to play student run sports competitively without the commitment of varsity sports.

Each club sport is assigned a student advisor who is in charge of scheduling practices, games, meetings and recruiting new members to join the club sport. The Club Sports page on Bucknell's website provides the email addresses for all of the student advisors of the clubs. All club sports also attend the club fair which provides first-year students with the opportunity to meet members of the club sports in person.

Scott Lotze oversees the club sports program at Bucknell. Students can reach out to him [sal036@bucknell.edu](mailto:sal036@bucknell.edu) with any questions about joining a club sport, or forming one. There is even one club sport that is varsity which is Men's Rowing. Just this school year Bucknell has also had the addition of a new club sport - Club Water Polo. Club sports are a very active part of student life on campus and provide students with a fun way to continue a high school sport or pick up a new one.

## Club Water Polo

Club Water Polo competes in the Collegiate Water Polo Association and plays a competitive schedule. Founder and Coach, Zack Yardley '23, created the club team in the fall semester of 2022. He accredits Scott Lotze with a lot of help to get the club up and running very quickly.

"I wanted to start club water polo at Bucknell to make sure that everyone could be introduced to the sport," Yardley said about his reasoning for starting the club. "To my surprise, there was a team in the past that had collapsed due to a lack of members and funding."

He revived the club and appreciates all of the help the Bucknell staff provided him, especially Lotze and Karen Eandis. The water polo team contains many members who have never played before but are very passionate about the program Yardley has created.

"The enthusiasm and expertise from Coach Zack have made the Club Water Polo Team a very accepting and encouraging atmosphere for everyone. I would highly encourage anyone and everyone who likes to frolic in the waves and expand their horizons to join the team," Troy Langton '24, a member of the club, said.

Another member of the team, George Savin '23, said "Coach Zack's exceptional leadership and unparalleled ability to navigate the ebbs and flows of the sport with finesse, has not only honed my technical skills but instilled in me the values of perseverance and teamwork, elevating me to new heights both in and out of the pool."

Club water polo practices twice a week, and no prior training is required to join.

## Club Rugby

Bucknell Men's Rugby competes in the MARC rugby conference which is partnered with National Small College Rugby Organization and USA rugby. They compete in the fall semester and practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m.

Although they are a part of the National Small College Rugby Organization, 40 percent of all college rugby plays in this organization, making it a very competitive league to be a part of for a school the size of Bucknell.

"Rugby is not typically played in America so many of the athletes are learning how to play in college," Paul Monaco '23 said. "Joining club rugby was one of the best decisions I made coming to Bucknell. Great group of guys who became some of my closest friends."

Many students have claimed that club sports provided them with new friendships when they were first year students. For any more information regarding Club Rugby please reach out to student advisor Jason Searles '24 via email: [jts015@bucknell.edu](mailto:jts015@bucknell.edu).

## Club Lacrosse

The Women's Club Lacrosse Team competes in both the Women's Division Intercollegiate Associates and the East Coast Women's Lacrosse Association. The team practices on Mondays at 6 p.m. on the Graham Field. Some schools they play against include Penn State, Lehigh, Lafayette and more.

"I have been a part of the Women's Club Lax team since I was a freshman, and have been the captain for the last two years," Coach Lucy Saleeby '23 said of the team. "I have met so many different girls across every grade, in which I wouldn't have the opportunity to meet otherwise."

"Ever since I became captain I made it my duty to make sure the team was close and the sport was fun for everyone," Saleeby added. "I have done many team bonding activities and events to make the team's chemistry strong off the field and on the field. I cannot believe this is my last season, but I know once I leave the program will be in amazing hands. I will miss all of the girls calling me 'coach,' but for now I am so excited for our games and practices that I scheduled to start." Students looking to join the team can contact Lucy via email: [lvs002@bucknell.edu](mailto:lvs002@bucknell.edu).

## Bucknell Club Golf

Bucknell Club Golf is one of the co-recreational club sports that Bucknell offers. They compete in the National Collegiate Club Golf Association's Philadelphia Region. Having a course right on Bucknell's campus makes it easy for the team to compete and practice.

The team is open to all students at Bucknell and all skill levels are able to compete in the regional tournaments with the team.

Students can get in contact with the team advisor Connor Chase '25 ([cmc056@bucknell.edu](mailto:cmc056@bucknell.edu)) if they have any questions.

For more information regarding the club sports visit the Bucknell website. With the multitude of club sports, there is a sport for every student in any grade year. For many club sports, skill level does not matter and they have been organizations that enabled students to connect and get to know each other.



# THE BUCKNELLIAN sports

**B1** — March 3, 2023

Emily Doyle  
Senior Writer

The Bucknell Bison competed in the Patriot League Championships from Feb. 25 to 26. Both the men and the women were able to compete at very high levels and had some individuals stand out as extraordinary.

The men's team finished the first day of the meet in third, behind the Navy Midshipmen and the Army Black Knights. Robert Feeney '24 shined in Weight Throw, tossing the weight with a distance of 61-7 1/2, securing him a fifth-place title while also placing him sixth in the Bucknell records. Teammate John Calisi '23 followed right behind him in seventh place (57-9 3/4). Both of these athletes earned the Bison an overall of six points, while both also individually collected IC4A qualifications.

Franco Perinotti '23 placed sixth in the Pole Vault on his clearance of 15-5. Teammate Matt Federovich '24 placed eighth in the Long Jump with a leap of 22-7.

Samuel Whittaker '23, continuing his success from the start of the season, was the headliner on the first day of the championships. With a time of 14:17.12, Whittaker placed third in the 5000-meter run, earning the Bison six points, qualifying for the IC4A, and obtaining the fifth all-time spot in the Bucknell record book.

Seth Hoffritz '23, Christian Cadmus '24, Zachary Jelinek '26 and Colby Belczyk '25 placed seventh in the 4x800-meter relay with a time of 7:53.44, gaining two more points for Bucknell.

Passing the preliminaries, and competing on Saturday in the finals, Brian Scotto '25 placed fifth in the 60-meter hurdles (8.15), with Cooper Hyken '26 and Brandon Foust '25 finishing in fourth and sixth place in the 60-meter dash. All three of these athletes earned IC4A qualifications, as well. The Bison ended the day with 18 points in five

events and were ready to show up and show out the next day.

The following day of the meet, two relay teams placed very well. Rayven Sample '24, Gardy Philogene '26, Max Spaulding '24 and Ethan Wolford-Tuffy '24 finished fourth in the 4x400-meter relay (3:19.76), earning an ECAC qualification.

Jayson Harmer '26, Jelinek, Belczyk and Cadmus finished seventh in the Distance Medley (10:08.61), earning an IC4A participation.

In the 60-meter dash, Hyken ran 6.97 to push Bucknell forward while also obtaining an IC4Q entry.

Scotto placed sixth in the 60-meter hurdles, with a time of 8:31, again, pushing the Bison forward while earning an IC4Q participation.

Continuing the day with more success, Perinotti finished fourth in the Heptathlon with 4965 points, placing him third all-time in the Bucknell record books. Not too far behind him, Miguel Negrete '24, with 4031 points, placed eighth in the same event.

Tristan An '25 placed third with 5.5 points in the high jump. An's jump of 6-7 1/2 grabbed an IC4A certification.

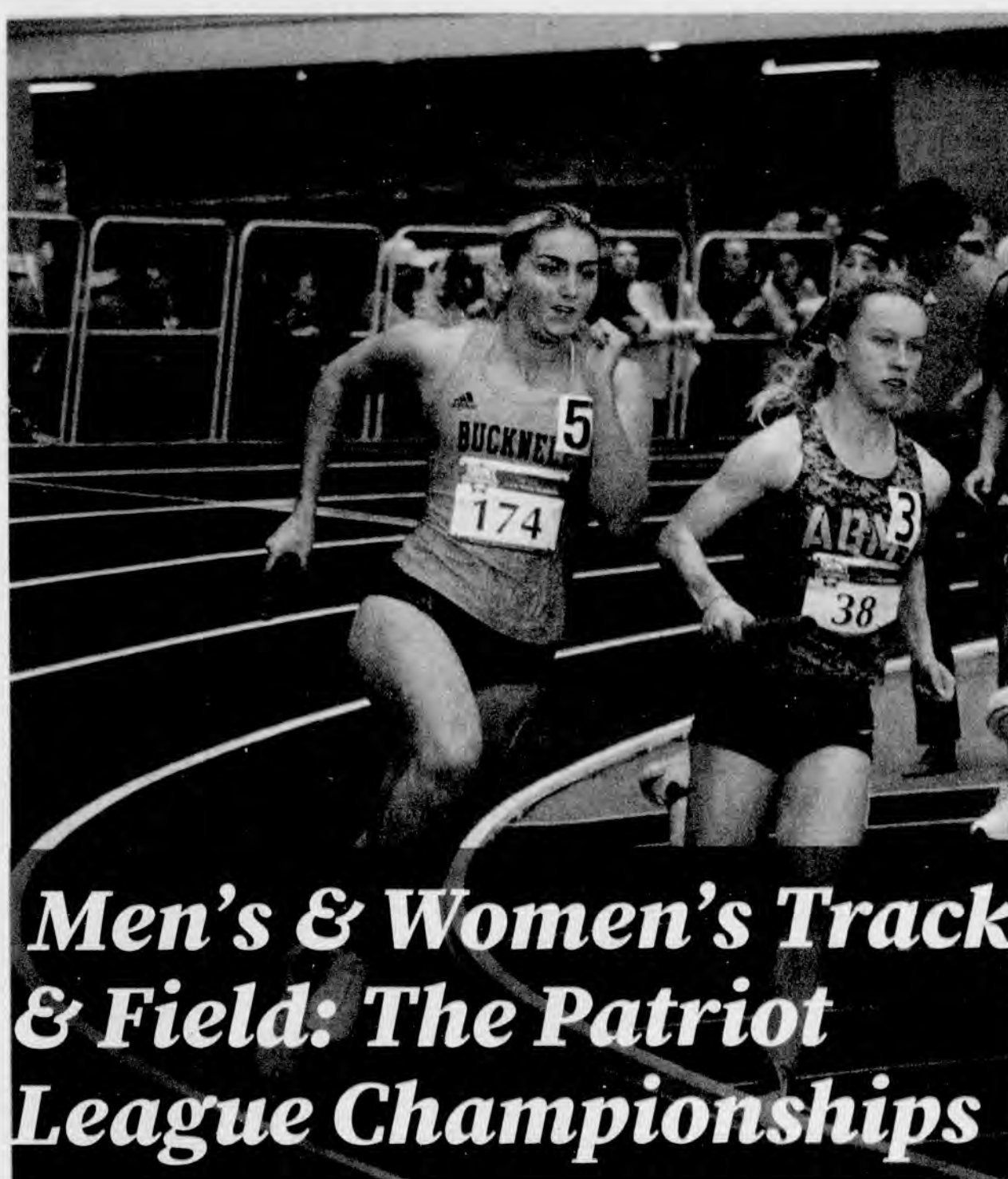
Teammate Chris Sims '25 claimed sixth place in the Triple Jump with a mark of 45-10.

Then, in Shot Put, Anthony Zamarrá '23 earned fifth on a toss of 53-1 1/2.

Overall, the men finished in fifth place, with a total of 51.5 points while also receiving six IC4A nods.

The women started their first day with a bang. Meghan Quinn '24 finished second all-time in Bucknell history in the 200-meter dash (24.49), placing second, as well as placing first in the 60-meter dash (7.59). Both of these allowed Quinn to qualify for the ECAC and enter into the final the next day.

Following Quinn in the 200-meter dash, teammate Bridget Lalonde '23 finished ninth (24.92), making her sixth all-time in Bucknell history



## Men's & Women's Track & Field: The Patriot League Championships

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and also earning her an ECAC qualification. Lalonde also passed into the finals in the 400-meter dash with a time of 56.25 with Katherine Loew '25 right behind her. Loew placed into the finals, as well, while also placing sixth all-time in Bucknell history (56.85).

In the 800-meter run, Anna Posh '25 won an ECAC qualification, placing sixth all-time in Bucknell history with a time of 2:12.95.

Ally Clarke '24 pushed the Bison towards more success in the 5000-meter run, taking seventh place, an ECAC qualification and a spot at ninth all-time in Bucknell's history (17:16.17).

Lea Bourgeois '23 finished fifth in the Heptathlon with a total of 3365 points, placing her eighth in Bucknell's history.

Mariana Engleby '24, Hollie Walters '24, Mackenzie Turner '23 and Posh, with a time of 9:18.00, earned fifth place with an ECAC qualification to accompany in the 4x800-meter relay.

Another ECAC qualification was earned in the 60-meter hurdles by Karen Hull '24 (8.80). Abigail Paczewski '24 then finished eighth (4:58.58) with Caryn Rippey '26 directly behind (4:59.55) in the Mile Run.

The Bison women performed very well on the first day of the championships, holding sixth place going into the next day.

Quinn continued crushing the competition on the second day of the championships. With a time of 24.23, Quinn placed second at the meet in the 200-meter dash, earning

an ECAC qualification. Quinn also placed second in the 60-meter dash (7.56), making her now second all-time in Bucknell history, while also earning the Bison eight points during this meet.

Lalonde also continued her triumph in the 400-meter dash, running 55.33 for fourth place, clinching an ECAC qualification as well.

Lalonde and Quinn teamed up with Loew and Jessie Castellano '23 in the 4x400-meter relay, placing both third in the meet and third in the Bucknell record book (3:44.99). Hull, again in the 60-meter hurdles, finished fourth (8.75), earning an ECAC certification, while also pushing the Bison forward with a leap of 5-7 in the High Jump. Abby Kates '24, with a

## Upcoming Events

### Men's and Women's

#### Tennis

- vs. Loyola 3/3 3 p.m.

#### Wrestling

- @ EIWA Championships 3/4 - 3/5

### Men's and Women's

#### Track & Field

- @ IC4A / ECAC Championships 3/4 - 3/5

### Women's Water Polo

- @ St. Francis (PA) 3/4 10:15 a.m.

#### Baseball

- @ Western Michigan 3/4 - 3/5 12 p.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

- vs. Marist 3/4 12 p.m.

#### Softball

- @ Coppin State 3/4 3 p.m.

### Women's Lacrosse

- vs. St. Bonaventure 3/4 4 p.m.

## Women's Water Polo top- ples Sienna, falls to other opponents

Madison Rehak  
Staff Writer

This past weekend, Women's Water Polo competed against some very tough teams in the Princeton Invitational. Coming from their current record of 5-13, the Bison first matched up to play against Iona.

This was a very close game for the Bison until the end. They were neck and neck with Iona the entire first half with goals from Boati Motau '25, Isabelle Monaghan '24 and Chloe Smith '23. The halftime score stood at 4-3 in favor of Iona.

The Orange and Blue did not let up and fought to win throughout the second half. Following a three goal run by the Gaels, the Bison attempted to come back, scoring five more goals in the second half. Bella Schraa '26 scored one, two goals were contributed by Gwen Kallmeyer '26 and Smith put up a hat trick.

The Bison came back strong but did not have enough time. The final score was left at 8-9.

The Orange and Blue then went on to compete against Siena.

Neither team could score more than one goal in the first quarter, but goals came filing in during the second by Motau and Bella Moynihan '23. The Bison continued their scoring streak and had impeccable defense, topping Siena 7-3.

Afterwards, they went on to play the previously ranked LIU. The Sharks have stood in the top 25 for most of the season, and Bucknell struggled against this high-ranked competitor. The final score was 5-18.

The Bison concluded the weekend with a game against Villanova. Bucknell and Villanova had a battle in the first quarter with both teams scoring two goals. Villanova was able to take the lead by halftime.

Both teams rallied offensively, but the Bison were not able to put up as many goals in the second half as their opponent. The final score for this game was 7-13.

The Bison will face Saint Francis University (Pa.), University of Michigan, Marist and San Jose State in the Wolverine Invitational this upcoming weekend.

## Softball travels to North Carolina

Morgan Sohosky  
Senior Writer

Bison softball traveled to Greenville, N.C. this past weekend to compete against East Carolina University, Radford University and Saint Francis University.

Their first day was spent competing in a doubleheader against the ECU Pirates where they took a loss of 1-3 in the first game but had a strong comeback win in their second game with a 2-0 finish. ECU was on a seven-game winning streak until game two versus Bucknell on Thursday.

Bucknell started strong in the first inning of the second game when Zoie Smith '24 hit a two-run double. Although the Bison were unable to score any more runs, it didn't matter as Madison Roukey '25 pitched a shutout and

held the Pirates to four hits. Head Coach Sarah Caffrey said she was "thrilled with our fight against a great team."

The second day of the Pirate Clash wasn't as strong for the Bison, as they fell to both Radford and Saint Francis University. Although they lost, they put up a close fight with both teams, losing 2-3, 2-5, respectively.

The final day of the Pirate Clash was canceled due to inclement weather. They were scheduled to play Friday, Saturday and Sunday versus all the teams mentioned previously.

The Bison will next travel to Towson, Md. to compete against Coppin State University on March 4 and 5.

## Women's Lacrosse earns a victory on the road

Brooke Tracey  
Contributing Writer

Bison Women's Lacrosse traveled to Moon Township, Pa. this past weekend as they faced off against Robert Morris University. The Orange and Blue's early lead proved to be plenty, returning to Lewisburg with a 15-8 victory.

The Bison came out on fire, scoring 10 straight goals in the first half alone. Caroline Sheridan '26 got the Orange and Blue on the board just over one minute into the match.

RMU tied it less than a minute later, but this wasn't enough to stop the Bison attack. Emily Baird '24 initiated the Bison's lead, on their way to four more goals in the first quarter alone.

The Orange and Blue added five goals in the second quarter while keeping RMU scoreless, entering halftime with a comfortable 11-1 lead.

RMU entered the second half eager to fight back, however, the Bison remained relentless. The Colonials' early 4-0 run in

the third quarter was matched by three late Bison goals, ending the third 14-5.

RMU was able to put away three more goals to the Orange and Blue's one in the fourth quarter, but this was not enough. The Bison ended the match victorious, with a 38-25 shot advantage.

"The team carried the momentum from our first win against Marist into Saturday's game against RMU and exhibited an impressive team effort to earn our second win," Sheridan said. "We stuck to our game plan and executed in all areas of the field. Our ball movement was key, allowing numerous players to make significant contributions."

The Bison look to keep the momentum building as they near Patriot League play. They are set to face St. Bonaventure at Graham Field at Holmes Stadium on March 4. The match is set for a 4 p.m. start and will be streamed on ESPN+.

## Two wins for Bucknell Baseball

Jamille Atiyeh  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Baseball came into the weekend ready for a win and they did just that and more, going 2-1 against Boston College, Ball State and Merrimack College, while competing in the Swig and Swine College Classic at Shipyard Park.

For their first game, the Bison faced Boston College on their opponents home ground. The Eagles hit three home runs and scored on six other occasions to earn a 9-1 win against the Orange and Blue.

Shortly after, the Bison brought on the heat during their second outing of the weekend, resulting in a 7-2 Bison win over Ball State. Chris DiFiore '23 pitched strong over six innings, Theo Farynick '23 and Ryan Osinski '26 were dominant in relief, and Jacob Terwilliger '23 and Grant Voytovich '24 hit opposite-field home runs to power the win.

The Cardinals, who stood as a preseason favorite in the Mid-America conference, having beaten Rutgers and Merrimack, now sit at 3-4 on the season.

Bucknell also posted a commanding 12-3 win over Merrimack college. Tyler Dunn '25 belted a tie-breaking three-home run in the fifth inning, and the bottom third combined for seven of Bucknell's 12 hits.

Hitters Mason Kelly '23, Jake Wortman '23 and Terwilliger combined to go 7-for-13 with six runs scored.

The Bison also took on the University of Pittsburgh on Tuesday Feb. 28, but fell to them 8-11.

Despite their losses, the weekend was a success for the Bison. Their next game is away against Western Michigan on Saturday March 4.



## Men's & Women's Track & Field

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jump of 5-5, placed behind Hull in the High Jump.

Continuing with leaps of faith, Lexi Gray '23 hit a mark of 38-11 1/2, claiming fourth place in the championships and seventh in Bucknell history.

Engleby, Turner, Clarke and Alison Cooke '26 finished fourth, claiming an ECAC qualification in the Distance Medley with a time of 11:55.88.

Paczewski, with an impressive time of 4:58.37, grabbed an ECAC participation and grabbed sixth in the Mile Run.

Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 had an exhilarating weekend, smashing a record from 2020 in Shot Put with a new score of 49-10. O'Sullivan placed second, earning an ECAC qualification, and also provided the Bison with eight points.

Christine Ajao '25 placed eighth in the same event (41-4 1/2).

The women placed fourth overall with a total of 78.25 points in the Patriot League Championships.

"The women's team did unbelievably. Meghan Quinn, Bridget Lalonde and a couple of others all set school records," Foust said. "The men's team has a little to

work on in preparation for our outdoor season, but overall we did a pretty good job with the injuries we had. We're all excited to go into outdoor season and get back to work. Personally, I felt pretty good in the 60 with me and my teammate going 4th and 6th. We worked hard, and the outcome seemed to have shown that."

Our Bison Track and Field Team competed at such a high level and performed so well. Qualifying participants will compete at the IC4A Championships and the ECAC Championships next weekend.

## Women's Basketball falls short to two Patriot League opponents

Lauren Medeiros  
Staff Writer

Women's Basketball competed against Lehigh at home and Lafayette away in Easton, Pa. Unfortunately, the Bison were defeated by both Lehigh, 72-84, and Lafayette, 61-69.

The Bison fought hard against Lehigh in Sojka Pavilion. Much of the first quarter was a back and forth battle only separating the teams by a few points.

In the second quarter, Lehigh began to create a separation by gaining a 29-19 lead. Contributing much needed points for the Bison was Isabella King '25 who sank a three. However, Lehigh was quick to respond. Heading into the second half, the Bison were down by nine with a score of 43-34.

As soon as the third quarter began, the Bison came out firing. They outscored Lehigh 27-13 in points. Emma Shaffer '23 scored six points and grabbed eight rebounds in the quarter, while Cecelia Collins '25 totaled nine points. In this same period, Tai Johnson '23 scored six points and Bucknell made nine out of 12 free throws.

Heading into the fourth quarter, the Bison had a 61-56 advantage. Shortly after, Lehigh tied the

game 61-61. However, the Bison took a two-point lead twice. For half of the final quarter it was a tight game with the advantage constantly switching. Despite their hard work, the Bison ended up being defeated when Lehigh went on a 16-3 run to pull away the score.

Throughout the game, Shaffer posted an eight career double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Furthermore, the Bison starters totaled over 69 of the 72 points.

The Bison were barely defeated by Lafayette by eight points in the team's later matchup.

In the first quarter, both teams struggled to score right away. Around the first pause in the game, the score was only 5-4. Throughout the rest of the quarter, Bucknell fired 22 shots. Despite all the shooting, the Bison only converted three layups and trailed 10-7.

From the moment the second quarter began, the game was a tight battle. Around 45 seconds in, King drained her first three to tie the game 10-10. Luckily for the Bison, they were able to turn it on to stretch the lead 16-10 before a timeout was called by Lafayette.

Although the Bison held the lead, Lafayette clawed back to even the score and ultimately take the edge heading into the third 31-25.

As soon as the first whistle blew in the third quarter, Bucknell took off firing, tying the score. With the score being 35-30 Lafayette, Shaffer scored five straight points to get her team back in it. Bucknell remained in the lead 39-38, however towards the end, Lafayette completed a 11-4 run to end the quarter just like it started.

Lafayette opened the fourth quarter by running up the score 51-43. For the Bison, King, Shaffer and Emma Theodorsson '26 were able to work together and tally much needed points to lessen the gap 51-49. Shortly after, Bucknell would take their final lead of the game after Remi Sisselman '25 and King sank back-to-back three pointers.

With Lafayette completing their free throws and consistently making baskets, the team was able to overturn the score and ultimately defeat the Bison 61-69.

Bucknell closed their final regular season game at home versus American University March 1.



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## Bison Men's Basketball's season comes to heartbreaking end

Charlotte Dursee  
Senior Writer

Bison Men's Basketball finished off their regular season with games against Lafayette and Lehigh. They then headed into post season play where they faced American University on the road.

The week started out with an away match against Lehigh. The Bison were slowed to start, which hurt them in the end. Lehigh led strongly offensively, with five of their players scoring in double figures. Off the bat, Lehigh managed to get a 12-2 lead. The first half ended 36-23 with the Bison not too far behind.

The Bison started hitting shots in the second half. Six of the Bison's nine threes were made at the start of the second half, with Jack Forrest '24 hitting three in a row. With about 12 minutes left in the half, the Bison trailed 48-40.

Lehigh managed to protect their lead with back to back three point plays. The Bison struggled to tighten the score, and Lehigh managed to lead by at least 13 for the rest of the game. The final score was 78-62.

Forrest ended with 18, Xander Rice '23 with 16 and Alex Timmerman '23 with 19 points and 12 rebounds.

Thursday, the Bison were back home taking on Lafayette to close out their regular season play, as well as celebrate their seniors.

After the senior honoring ceremony, the Bison hit the court. On the offensive end, the Blue and Orange shot better than 50 percent. At one point the team was down 15-12 but soon turned that around with a 15-2 run.

Ian Motta '25, Jake van der Heijden '23 and Rice each added three-pointers but Lafayette soon answered with their own 12-2 run.

At halftime, the Bison led 34-32. Both teams were slow to start the second half. Andre Screen '24 helped jump start the offense with six straight points, soon followed by a three-pointer from Forrest. The Bison went on a 17-3 run that would help seal the lead for the remainder of the game.

The seniors, Rice, van der Heijden and Timmerman, finished with a combined total of 33 points, 16 rebounds and 12 assists in their senior day match up. The team as a total finished with 20 assists and only nine turnovers.

The Bison hit the road once again to start their Patriot League Championship match-ups. As the 10th seed in the tournament, they faced American University.

The Bison were hot from deep, making nine of 18 attempts, but American was playing well too, making 6 of 13 from the arc. American led for the majority of the end of the first half, but Elvin Edmonds IV '25 hit an 80-foot shot at the buzzer to cut the score to 42-29.

As the Bison neared the end of regulation, they trailed 54-46. Screen, Timmerman and Rice helped close the lead to 54-52 as the clock read 4:06.

Rice was fouled on a three point shot and sank every free throw. Forrest soon hit a step-back jumper as time neared one minute. With 40 seconds left, American hit a crucial elbow shot to put them up 62-59. The Bison were unable to make a comeback and lost 64-59.

Rice finished with an impressive 17 points and five assists.

The Bison closed out their season with a 12-20 regular season record and 5-13 record in Patriot League play.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Meghan Quinn '24

### Profile

#### Sport

Track and Field

#### Hometown

Lititz, P.A.

#### High School

Warwick

#### Position

Sprints



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Caleb Wooten  
Staff Writer

Meghan Quinn '24 added to her already historic career at the Patriot League Indoor Track & Field Championships this past weekend, boasting three podium appearances and breaking multiple records.

The success of this weekend was a result of the immense hard work and dedication by Quinn and the Bison, which it proved to pay off.

The junior won two silver medals, set a school record in the 200 Meter Dash, improved upon her second all-time mark in the 60 Meter Dash, participated in a record-setting bronze medal relay team, earned three ECAC qualifications and scored 22 points for the Bison.

"As a team we were really excited leading up to the meet," Quinn said. "There is always a great deal of support from the team and alumni leading up to the meet, so when you're out there you just want to run for them. We knew that if we trusted our training, it would pay off. Whether it was getting extra recovery in, spending more time on the track or even talking to a sports psychologist to make sure we were in the right mindset, we knew that we had put in enough time and energy to see great results."

The Orange and the Blue were led by Quinn as they scored 78.25 points to get fourth place in the Patriot League.

This is not Quinn's first time pacing the Bison at the championship meet, as she has found success consistently when it matters most. In fact, Quinn

has had a top five finish in every event she has participated in at every championship meet. This level of consistency and excellence is unprecedented, already making Quinn one of the best runners in Bucknell history.

"I still feel nervous before every race although I've been doing this for nearly my entire life," Quinn said. "Throughout the years, I think I've gotten so much better at mentally preparing for races. I feel like I have such a good support system within the program that it makes me excited to run. I really believe that hard work pays off, so I've just trusted the work I've put in and Coach Alexander's training plan, and so far the results have shown. I think as a team we can be even better for the outdoor season, so I'm really excited to see what we can do."

Quinn and the Bison look to build momentum for their outdoor season, as well as cap off their indoor season, at the ECAC Championships at Boston University this weekend.

### Career Stats

- 2022 Patriot League Champion
- Second Team All-Patriot League
- Patriot League Rookie of the Week

## Men's Lacrosse falls to Harvard away

Brooke Tracey  
Senior Writer

The Orange and Blue lacrosse team returned to the field this past weekend in an away match-up against Harvard.

What was set for a two-game extended weekend became just one, as impending weather canceled the Bison's second match against Bellarmine in Wilton, Conn. This game will not be rescheduled.

The Bison battled hard against the Crimson from the first whistle, however, Harvard took an early lead in the first quarter, 5-1, with four of the goals going unanswered.

The Orange and Blue continued to press, scoring two goals in the second quarter to the Crimson's four.

The Bison entered halftime down 3-9, but came out of the

break fired up. Going on a 5-0 run, the Orange and Blue narrowed Harvard's lead to just one. This was not enough to get them back in the game however, as the Crimson scored one goal in the third quarter and three more in the fourth, shutting down the Bison attack. The game ended 13-8 in favor of Harvard.

Despite the result, the Bison had four different goal-scorers in Dutch Furlong '24, Jack Feda '23, Cam Doolan '25 and Will Hopkins '26.

The Bison will return to Christy Mathewson Memorial Stadium on Saturday, March 4 in a 12 p.m. match against the Marist Red Foxes. The game will be streamed on ESPN+.



# beyond the bison

sports news across the nation

## The rise of the New York Knicks

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This NBA season, an unlikely contender has entered the conversation. After many years of struggle, as most fans know, the New York Knicks have finally reentered the competition, posting a winning season record and putting up a six-game winning streak.

This past week, the Knicks pushed out a win against the Boston Celtics, who held the top spot in the East prior to this game. It wasn't even fairly tight, as the Celtics failed to lead the Knicks at any point in the game. Even more, New

York did not even let them come within eight points. In the end, the Knicks closed out with a 109-94 victory.

This game marked their sixth-consecutive win. It puts them at 36-27, fifth place in the Eastern Conference, and two back in the loss column from fourth. The Knicks are also averaging 120 points, shooting 38 percent from three-point distance within this winning streak. This winning streak is a part of a larger trend of victory, as the Knicks have won eight of their last nine games.

Perhaps what also may be important is the Knicks' acquisition of shooting guard and small forward Josh Hart. Since the team took Hart under their wing six games ago, they have not lost.

In addition to Hart's contribution, center Mitchell Robinson, who just four days before the match returned to play, performed rather impressively for his first game on the court in a while. Julius Randle and Immanuel Quickley each scored 23 points, while Jalen Brunson put up 16.

For the Celtics, on paper, this should've been a game to win. While the Knicks have been good for a couple of months, the Celtics, in the number one spot and following an impressive season, should have led. Boston struggled to stay out of foul trouble and were on the receiving end of a couple bad calls, ultimately shooting 14 free throws to the Knicks' 34.

This loss puts Boston into a tie for the top spot in the East with the Milwaukee Bucks. The Knicks, however, continue to be on the rise since early December. In their

past 40 games, the New York Knicks have gone 26-14.

The next games for the Knicks will be exciting for the team. Hoping to maintain their winning streak, the Knicks will face the Brooklyn Nets and Miami Heat before heading to Boston to face the Celtics once again.

After Hart's contributions to the team, and some all-star players like Brunson and Randle coming up big in the previous game, the New York Knicks will be an exciting team to follow for the rest of this NBA season.

## Men's Tennis' win streak increases to six

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Bison Men's Tennis took on opponents Siena and St. Bonaventure this past weekend, defeating both teams.

The match against the Saint Bernards was competitive, with the final score being 4-3 in favor of the Orange and Blue.

In the singles matches, No. 2 player Nick Mueller '23 won 6-3, 6-2, No. 5 player Brendan McDonald '26 defeated his opponent 7-5, 6-0 and Oscar Bain Moreno de Vega '26 won 6-2, 6-2 at No. 6.

In the end, winning the doubles point was the deciding factor in Bucknell's victory. Bain Moreno de Vega teamed up with Amar Tahirovic '26 at No. 2 and

McDonald teamed up with Tim Zelikovsky '24 at No. 3. Both duos easily defeated their Siena rivals 6-1.

In their away match against St. Bonaventure, the Bison had an easier win. The final score was 5-2.

Tahirovic competed in the No. 1 spot and had a comeback match, winning 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. Mueller won again at No. 2 6-1, 6-3, Zelikovsky in the No. 4 spot won 6-2, 6-3 and Bain Moreno de Vega won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 6.

Doubles partners Bain Moreno de Vega and Tahirovic at No. 2 as well as duo Zelikovsky and McDonald at No. 3 won with the same score of 6-3.

"We've been having some great wins so far starting with Drexel a month ago up until this weekend against Siena and St. Bonaventure," Bain Moreno de Vega said. "It was great seeing my teammate Brendan come back from 5-1 and to clinch the win this weekend and celebrate with the team. I am excited to continue this semester with this great team, and I strongly believe we can continue the winning streak with our strong lineup."

This upcoming weekend, the Bison will take on three opponents at home: Loyola, Fordham and Marist where they hope to keep their win streak going as they head into league play.

## Men and Women's Swimming and Diving earn second place at ECAC Championships

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The Men and Women's Swimming and Diving teams finished their season with a fantastic performance at the ECAC Championships last weekend at the Naval Academy. After the first day, the women ended with 150 points.

Reggie Frias '25 competed in the three-meter dive to earn first place with a score of 272.00.

Teammates Kyla Kelly '26 and Stephanie Walsh '24 finished closely together in second (2:04.14) and third place (2:04.69) respectively in the 200 IM event.

Esme Hunter '24, Hanna Bingley '26, Molly See '23 and Megan Phelan '23 earned the Bison a third place finish in the 400 medley relay, posting a time of 3:49.52.

Phelan also competed in the 200 freestyle relay with Megan Leyden '26, Walsh, and Jacqueline Rounsavill '23 to place third with a time of 1:36.14.

The men's team ended the first day with 43 points. Nick Pirone '23 competed in the one-meter dive, earning third place (278.70).

Chase Ferguson '26, Ryaan Hatoum '23, Matt Raudabaugh '26 and Sam Sweetser '26 earned seventh place in the 400 medley relay (3:26.28).

Going into the second day, the women stood with 328 overall points and the men with 241.

Sabrina Vumbacco '23, Emma Feld '26, Walsh and Rylie Giles '25 competed in the 800 freestyle relay, earning first place in 7:27.89.

Meghan Catherwood '25 won first place in the one-meter dive (269.05). This score places Catherwood second in program history.

In the 200 medley relay event, Hunter, Bingley, Leyden and Alexandra Ritorto '23 placed second with a time of 1:43.23.

Leyden also competed in the 100 butterfly with a 54.83 to rank third in the race and in school history.

Chris Fabian '24 won the 100 backstroke (48.75) for the men.

Noah Basista '24 finished the 100 breaststroke in 54.55 to earn third in competition and second in school history.

Jackson Vinarub '26 earned third in his event; the three-meter dive, with a score of 296.85.

On the final day of competition, Vumbacco placed fourth in the 200 butterfly with a 2:05.23 time.

"Coming out of the final competition this weekend to wrap up our 2022-2023 swimming and diving season as well as my senior year on the team, I

couldn't be prouder or happier for the success we have all had," Vumbacco said. "We worked day in and day out to reach goals we set at the beginning of the year and it's amazing to look back and see how far we've come as a team both in and out of the pool. One of the biggest things I think of when I look back on this year is not only our outstanding success as a program, but more importantly the fun we've had while competing and the endless laughs and smiles."

For the men, Braden Beagle '26 earned second in the 200 backstroke (1:47.71). Fabian, Nick Shopis '25, Shane Wynne '26 and Chris Kopac '25 formed the 400 freestyle relay team and finished in 2:59.62, ranking sixth in program history.

Andy Dorsel '25 swam in the 200 breaststroke (1:59.91) to rank fourth in program history.

"This team stepped up to the challenge this year and exceeded our expectations," Dorsel said "We put together a great season and capped it off with some very fast swimming at our championship meets." Both teams ended the season with a second place finish in the ECAC, the women with 503 total points and the men with 416.

## Men's Golf finishes T6 at Loyola Intercollegiate

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Bison men's golf traveled to Palm Valley Golf Club in Goodyear, Ariz. over the weekend to compete in the Loyola Intercollegiate. The event featured 19 teams including the Bison.

Bucknell finished T6 as a team, tallying a -2 card for the three round event. The Bison struggled on day one, totaling a 293 as a team, good for +5, leaving them in a mix towards the middle of the pack.

The Orange and Blue improved by 11 shots on day two, closing the day out with a -6 282. This shot them up the leaderboard and brought them back into contention. This performance was tied for the 12th-best team total in Bucknell history. The Bison followed that up with a -1 287 on day three as a team.

Jackson Bussell '23 was the low Bison for the event,

finishing -3 for the tournament and earning a T17 finish on the individual leaderboard.

Two more Bison finished inside the top 40, as Blake Wisdom '23 finished at even par for the event which was good for an individual T30 finish, and Andres Barraza '26 ended up with a share of 36th place after a +1 tournament.

Bussell carded five birdies and an eagle en route to a round two 68, tying his best score ever.

"I hit it great off the tee all week and what changed from round one to round two was my putting," Bussell said. "I found that I was reading greens a lot more accurately the second day which led to me making a lot more putts."

Bucknell has finished inside the top nine in all of their events so far. They next head to Myrtle Beach, S.C. for the Bash at the Beach.

## Women's Tennis extends win streak to five, falls to Findlay

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This past weekend, Bison Women's Tennis faced three opponents, winning their first two on the weekend.

First, the Orange and Blue took on Siena, beating the Saint Bernards 5-2.

In the singles matches, Whitney King '25 earned a win in the No. 1 spot 7-5, 6-3, Tyne Miller '24 won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 3, Abby Platt '26 breezed past her opponent 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4 and Kate Novak '24 had an impressive comeback win 0-6, 7-4, 10-1 at No. 5.

In earning the doubles point 3-0, King and Platt paired-up to win 6-3 at No. 1, Miller and Anna Lajos '25 won 6-1 at No. 2 and Madi Sebulsky '24 teamed-up with Caroline Marcus '25 to win 6-1 at No. 3.

Their second match of the weekend was also a victory, as the Bison defeated IUP 4-3.

Miller took on the No. 2 singles spot and won 6-3, 5-7, 17-15, Platt won at No. 3 6-3, 7-6 and Marcus won 6-1, 6-3 at No. 5. In the doubles matches, the King-Platt duo reigned victorious again at No. 1, winning 6-4, and Miller and Lajos won 6-4 at No. 2.

The final match of the weekend, however, did not fall in Bucknell's favor. The Orange and Blue fell to Findlay 2-4. Despite the loss, two Bison still won their personal singles matches - these women being Lajos (6-1, 6-2) and Platt (6-3, 6-0) at No. 2 and No. 3 respectively.

"Our team had a very successful weekend, as we competed in three away matches over the span of 24 hours," Platt said. "We furthered our win streak to five in a row after defeating Siena and IUP, but unfortunately suffered a loss against Findlay. I just came back from a back injury, so I am very happy with my performance in my matches, but it wouldn't have been possible without our amazing head coach, the high energy from my teammates and the support of our assistant coach. The team demonstrated toughness, positive spirits and relentless effort throughout the entire weekend, which is why we were able to have such strong results. I am so proud of them, and I can't wait for what the rest of the season holds."

The Bison will take on Loyola and Marist at home this upcoming weekend.



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## Vocationalization versus Liberal Arts: A historical look at the debate

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What attracted you to Bucknell? Did you want a school with Christian professors? Did you desire a classical curriculum with training in Latin? You are probably smirking at these suggestions. Although they may seem laughable, the Bucknell University Bulletin from 1904 marketed the school's religious community and classical curriculum to attract prosperous Protestant students. In the present day, Bucknell attempts to admit students of different backgrounds to form a diverse student body.

The university advertises the management and engineering schools to show they offer professional training. Bucknell simultaneously depicts itself as a liberal arts college, appealing to students who want a breadth of learning. The university's marketing of vocational and liberal arts education is somewhat contradictory. Many universities have similar conflicts as they debate whether the purpose of education is to professionalize students or develop them into moral citizens. While we think of this deliberation as new, it has been ongoing since the birth of higher education in America. Let us examine the history of universities and relate the past to our current circumstances as Bucknellians.

For years, scholars have debated the purpose of education. During medieval times, the Scholastic movement deemed logic vital to self-cultivation. Humanists during the Renaissance valued rhetoric, believing students would absorb moral philosophy by studying antiquity. Both Scholasticism and Humanism influenced the founding of Harvard University (1636). Harvard also reflected the beliefs of its Puritan founders. The main purpose of the institution, along with other colonial schools that followed, was to use classics to train men to enter the ministry, law or medicine. The schools dictated a rigid set of courses because they

lacked funds to hire more professors to teach electives. The fixed curriculum also conveyed that only prestigious classical courses were suitable to develop students.

In the 1800s, American schools began to emulate the German model of education. Classics was the first discipline to professionalize. Scholars took a systematic approach to classical philology. German methods of seminars and lectures replaced drilling. The German influences also turned academia into a career. Professors became specialized and started to publish research, gaining them more prestige and pay. The German model of education encouraged scholars to produce new knowledge, instead of solely studying the ancients.

In 1876, Johns Hopkins established itself in the German style and created majors and minors. As a research institution, the school valued knowledge production. In contrast to how the students of Johns Hopkins followed tracks, Harvard President Charles W. Eliot started the Free Elective System to reimagine classical education, encouraging students to take courses that suited their interests. By 1897, all courses were electives except for one English composition class. The lack of requirements often prompted students to enroll in the easiest courses possible, lowering the rigor of their education.

Other schools imagined education without classics. Wesleyan offered the B.S. in 1838 as a degree that didn't require a full classical education. The B.S. lacked the prestige of a B.A. because it didn't follow the traditional educational model. In 1875, Edward McKnight Brawley was the first Black student to graduate from Bucknell. He earned a B.S. because, at the time, a B.A. required knowledge in Latin and Greek. The language requirement shows how students of marginalized identities were limited to a less respectable education.

While the old educational system was exclusive, vocational education offered learning to more

people. With Andrew Jackson as the first president without a college education in 1829, America was becoming increasingly populist. The Morrill Land-Grant Acts (1862) established colleges on government land to train students in agriculture and the mechanical arts. The acts both increased professionalism and opened higher education to more students.

Enemies of specialization favored liberal studies and crafted general education courses. In 1947, president of the University of Chicago, Robert Maynard Hutchins, founded the Great Books program to create a common curriculum. He praised Greece and Rome as the start of western civilization. While schools do not follow the Great Books program today, its legacy remains. In 2017, students at Reed College protested the compulsory humanities course for first year students. The protesters argued the class prioritized voices of antiquity and they did not see themselves in their education. The demonstrations led to changes in the course syllabus, which now reflects more racially diverse voices.

Higher education in America has evolved since the founding of Harvard. Not only are the students more diverse, but the education has changed from classical to including a variety of majors. The purpose of education remains subjective as students may attend the university to gain professional training, obtain a breath of learning or a combination of both. After reading this piece, you may be wondering what I myself study. As an English and Classics major, I choose to study the humanities to gain an expanse of knowledge. Although I do not have a vocational major, I believe my communication and critical thinking skills are valuable traits that will hopefully help me find a job in the future. No matter your reasoning to attend Bucknell, contemplate what you want from your college experience and take ownership of your learning.



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# Cut the cameras, Bucknell

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More than 51,100 lives lost, and that's just the official death toll. 1,900,000 people are now refugees, and Greece is choosing to fortify its borders. "Hükümet istifal"\* is chanted at football games, and President Erdoğan issued a band-aid apology for his government's inept response.

The earthquakes that have devastated southern Türkiye and Syria have caused irreparable damage. Yet you've probably swiped past Instagram stories pleading for donations and aid for the humanitarian crisis that has ensued. My guess is that you sympathized with the victims of this tragedy for a brief three seconds, thinking "Oh, how sad", and then turned to your calculus homework.

It's not my place to shame you for making such a choice. I cannot force anyone to become personally invested in a tragedy that took place in a different continent. Even I see no point in destroying your sanctuary of ignorance by writing an entire article about the devastation caused by these earthquakes. But no, let's 'spread awareness and stay informed'...would you like a sticker that says "I was informed"? Or is a t-shirt more to your liking?

Just staying informed and spreading awareness without taking concrete action will not fix the destruction caused by these earthquakes. Nothing can be done to replace the lives lost; cities throughout Turkey and Syria are now piles of rubble. Thousands of people are in urgent need of shelter, food and medical aid. Bucknell University is located on an entirely different continent than where this tragedy took place. It's not as if the entire university can realistically pack their bags and join the volunteer effort to deliver humanitarian aid. But there is one unique talent that Bucknell University has: raising money.

Last May, \$105,000 was raised during Sigma Chi's annual Reby Days event (a competition-based fundraiser for the impactful cause of cutting-edge cancer research) for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation in collaboration with Bucknell's sororities. The success of this event is entirely based on students coming together in support of a good cause. Just imagine what can be done with the administration's help and plentiful resources.

Thus far, Bucknell has gathered in support of the victims at a candlelight vigil on Feb. 16 on the Science Quad, hosted by the Global Student Council and Bucknell Chaplains Office. Speeches were given, donations collected, and a moment of silence was shared as students held candles for the lives lost.

Salma Kassem, a foreign language Teaching Assistant, detailed in part of her speech that "it's so heartbreaking to see the image of that loving father holding his dead daughter's hand in Turkey! Witnessing all her childhood buried under collapsed buildings. My hometown of Akkar in Northern Lebanon is a mere 264 kilometers from the areas affected in Syria. I cannot help but feel for our brethren neighbors only three hours across the border". Later on in her speech, Kassem encouraged students to donate if possible, or if not, to pray.

Yet most students did not even know this event was taking place. While the organizers had reached out to Bucknell's official Instagram account (@bucknellu) in advance

and requested they share posters of the vigil to reach a wider audience of students, no action was taken. Consequently, students organizing the event had to share its details through word of mouth.

The only communication the student body received was through an email sent out by Kurt Nelson, Director of Religious and Spiritual Life, with the event flyer and links to donate. However, students who are not religious likely would not have opened that email. In fact, organizers of the event received feedback from some students mentioning they were not informed it was taking place.

Yet @bucknellu shared photos taken at the event, while the administration itself had no hand in organizing the vigil. The caption of this post mentions how "donations were collected to contribute to ongoing relief efforts". More donations could have been collected if a greater portion of the student body was in attendance. But the Instagram account which touts these donations did not even help to broadcast the event.

Omid Mohammadi '25, an organizer of the vigil who spoke at the event, feels that "we had great support from Bucknell students, campus, and DE&I leaders. However, the institution itself barely acknowledged the earthquake relief efforts until the event was held and they could post some pretty pictures about it". While Mohammadi doesn't "want to undermine the collaboration of such offices", his feelings are shared by many students at Bucknell, including myself.

Mohammadi further states, "It's important to remember that even small acts of kindness and support can make a significant impact, especially when you're going through challenging times. I do believe that Bucknell could do more to be responsive to global events and show solidarity with students, even though it is located in a somewhat remote area. By doing so, Bucknell can become more connected to the wider world and be a source of support for its students."

Bucknell administration is already aware of this desire, as reflected through the "Engaged Bucknell Initiative" which can be found on the University's website "Community Engagement" section (<https://www.bucknell.edu/life-bucknell/community-engagement>) It states,

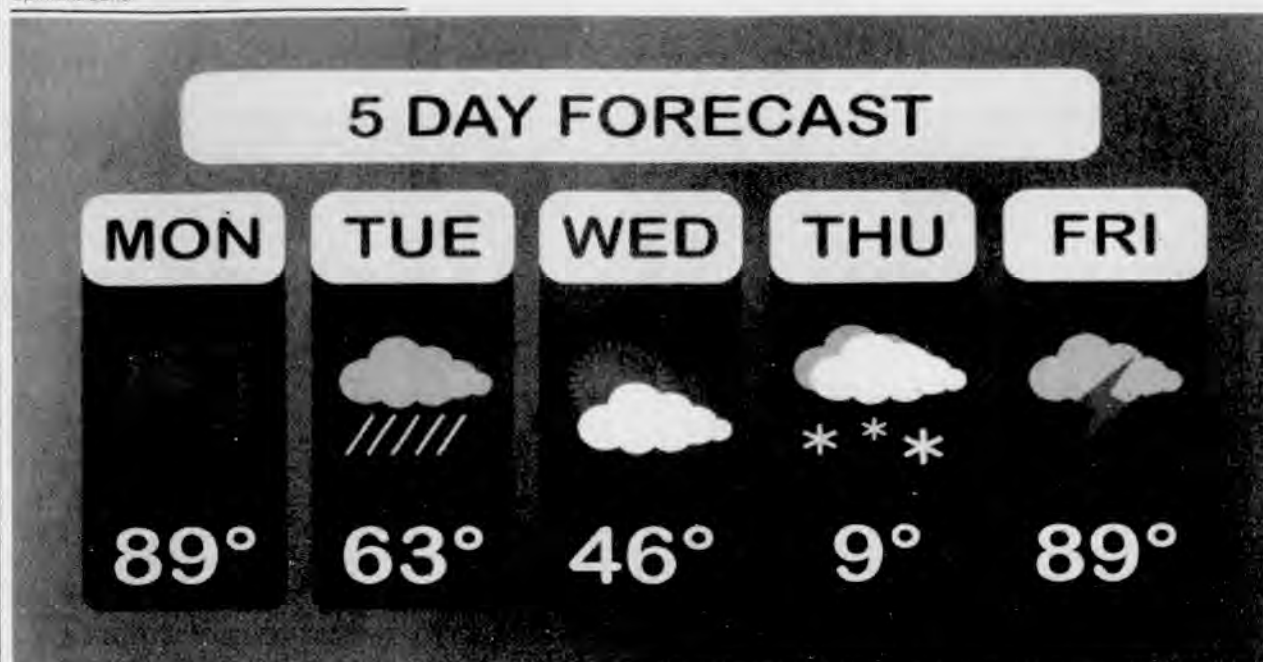
"Bucknell is engaged. Engaged in community. Engaged in justice. Engaged in global citizenship. Engaged in fostering leaders that are sensitive to the moral and ethical dimensions of life. Education at Bucknell is about doing. Programs across the University get students out of the classroom and engaged with non-profits, government agencies, farms, volunteer efforts and more—both in our local Susquehanna River Valley and around the world."

If Bucknell University wants to pride itself on having a student body that actively participates in efforts around the world, the administration needs to organize an effort for donations and aid. The impetus should not be on the Global Student Council or Chaplain's office. There shouldn't have to be students tabling for donations in the ELC. The university administration has more than enough power, connections, and resources to make it happen. It's time to cut the cameras and actually get to work.

\*In Turkish, "Hükümet istifal" translates to "government resign"

# Weather patterns here, there, everywhere

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The weather coming back from winter break has been extremely irregular. Two weeks ago, we saw light flurries one day followed by almost 70 degrees the next. This pattern has continued as we go from cold to hot, puffer jackets to tees and back again. Besides being confusing and hard to keep up with, these weather swings are concerning. Weather impacts every aspect of our world, from the way we dress to health outcomes to economic and political (in)stability.

The New York Times reports that the recent New York City snowfall marks the end of the longest amount of time that New York City has seen without snowfall in the winter. While New York City and Lewisburg have seen a largely warm winter, other regions have seen more extreme weather in the other direction. Particularly, California and Michigan have experienced devastating storms that have put their residents at risk and, in many cases, without power.

First, it is important to address the adverse health impacts of these recent weather shocks. The Washington Post explains that the fluctuations that we have seen recently disrupt our "ecological systems" in a way that can "aggravate allergies, cause infections

and worsen other more serious conditions, such as heart disease." They further this argument with evidence from a Lancet Planetary Health journal study that draws a connection between these weather swings and higher rates of mortality.

There are also more indirect effects on our health. The White House uses a JPMorgan Chase Institute analysis to report that leading up to two more recent hurricanes, Harvey and Irma, household expenses shifted away from health care and into more immediate needs, including fuel and groceries. Therefore, weather shocks can even impact the access that we have to medical care in addition to the more direct physical distress and harm that they inflict.

In his 2018 IMF Working Paper, Sebastian Acevedo concludes that weather shocks can have grave consequences for political and economic stability. Particularly, Acevedo explains that in regions with warmer climates, "a rise in temperature lowers per capita output, in both short and medium term through... reduced agricultural output, suppressed productivity of workers exposed to heat, slower investment and poorer health."

Moreover, the health outcomes we have observed above

can impact a nation's rate of economic growth. We should also consider the impact of extreme weather on the machinery or infrastructure that firms rely on for production. If a major storm destroys these integral inputs, then firms will have to put capital into reparations, which will have even further effects on output and potentially rates of unemployment. Additionally, Acevedo urges readers to consider how slow growth or even economic decline from these shocks can "provoke political instability, incite conflict or undermine governing institutions."

We cannot continue to expect other people to step up. As we have seen, these fluctuations can impact every aspect of our lives, and as weather swings become more and more extreme, so do their impacts. Climate change and its impact on the severity of weather swings will not change if we don't. What seems like the most important way to help right now is to consciously buy from and contribute to organizations that are taking the adequate steps to produce sustainably and reduce their carbon footprint. Just as weather impacts us, we impact weather. We are the problem, so we can also be the solution.

# Who's got your vote for president?

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As Presidential election season is creeping upon us, starry-eyed candidates who wish to sit in the Oval Office are announcing their bid. Perhaps another showdown with former President Donald Trump will be Americans' decision in 2024.

What's interesting is that this time around, both Biden and Trump will each have taken a turn being President. The opportunity to be a two-consecutive-term president was lost to Trump in 2020, as he only received 232 electoral votes compared to Biden's 306. Additionally, Trump lost the popular vote, garnering 71,223,975 votes compared to Biden's 81,283,501. But that didn't stop Trump from claiming victory on the basis that election results were illegitimate. Inevitably, this led to the Jan. 6 attack, where 2,000 of his supporters stormed into the United States Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

According to a Quinnipiac poll in December of 2020, 77 percent of Republicans believed that widespread voter fraud occurred in the 2020 election, and 34 percent felt Biden's victory was illegitimate. As the two potentially face off in another head-to-head race three years later, Republican voters may bring these sentiments to the polls once more.

But Trump isn't the only confirmed Republican running for President, and Biden isn't the only confirmed Democrat. Former Republican Governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, launched her campaign in February, calling on Americans to put their faith in a "new generation" of political leaders. Technically, she would be running against her former boss for the Republican nomination, as she was President Trump's U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Funnily enough, another one of Trump's ex-employees is running against him as well. Trump's former U.S. National Security Advisor John

Bolton, who was actually fired in 2019 over differences about foreign policy, will be competing with him for the Republican nomination.

While Bolton refused to testify in Trump's impeachment hearings, he did write a tell-all memoir about his time in the White House, "The Room Where It Happened". Trump's lawyers actually filed a lawsuit in an attempt to delay publishing or prevent Bolton from receiving any profits from book sales. The two have publicly feuded multiple times, with Bolton claiming that Trump "barely knew where Ukraine was" and expressed that Trump was not tough enough on Russia while he was President. It's unclear whether Bolton is a disgruntled ex-employee jousting for a win against his former boss or a man who actually desires to be President.

Vivek Ramaswamy, a businessman from Ohio is also contesting for the Republican seat. The New Yorker has dubbed him the "CEO of Anti-Woke Inc" due to his best-selling memoir "Woke Inc.: Inside Corporate America's Social Justice Scam". Ramaswamy is the founder of the biopharmaceutical company Roivant Sciences and the co-founder of Strive Asset Management. In office, he wishes to eradicate affirmative action, cement political expression as a civil right and impose government-level punishment on private entities for censoring free speech. Apparently, he wakes up at 5:30 a.m. to play tennis.

The only confirmed politician to be running against Biden for the Democratic nomination is Marianne Williamson. A best-selling author of 14 books and spiritual advisor to Oprah, Williamson pulled out of the 2020 race after failing to garner substantial primary support (and endorsed Bernie Sanders). One of her key campaign proposals is to create a U.S. Department of Peace. She has also advocated that

significant financial reparations for Black Americans should be paid for by the federal government because of slavery and discrimination.

But a pervasive worry tugs on the minds of many Americans as to how stable the political future of this country will be if there is another Biden vs. Trump showdown. As it stands, the country is already deeply divided along partisan lines. If Trump believes the 2024 election results are also illegitimate, perhaps another attack on the capitol building may ensue. Some believe the 2024 election foreshadows a political civil war that will erupt by next year. Either way, a second Biden-Trump face-off is a shadow that looms over the country.

There are a few other Democrats rumored to be launching a campaign, such as former Georgia House Representative Stacey Abrams, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, mayor of South Bend, Indiana Pete Buttigieg (again), Senator Amy Klobuchar (again), Senator Elizabeth Warren (again), California Governor Gavin Newsom, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker and Vice President Kamala Harris. None of their candidacies have been confirmed as of yet.

Republicans rumored to be running are Wyoming House Representative Liz Cheney, Senator Josh Hawley, Senator Rick Scott, Senator Tim Scott, Senator Ted Cruz (again), Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem, New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu, Virginia Governor Glen Youngkin, Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and former Vice President Mike Pence.

So Bucknellians, who's got your vote for President?

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# Black Arts Fest 2023

Kicking off Black Arts Fest 2023, Bucknell's Black Student Union (BSU) hosted their annual fashion show, titled "Rep Ya' Set" this year, on Feb. 24. A runway is erected in Larison dining hall, surrounded by a sea of chairs for the audience, as well as refreshments and room for photo opportunities. The event has a mandatory formal dress code to emulate the formality of a professional fashion show.

The BSU fashion show gives a chance for black students to look and feel their best on stage, and take in all of the applause and praise of their peers. Each "scene" of the show was centered around a specific theme, allowing the designers of each scene to showcase their artistic choices. Each of the designers would come out onto the runway after their scene, and many featured in their own scene as well.

The show was emceed by Shelby May '23 and Azhani Duncan-Reese '23, who would return between each scene to introduce the next one. In the nature of the show, the two hosts also had an outfit change during intermission.

The first scene was titled "Traperton," designed by Krystell Ewing '24 and Myra Anigbo '24. The outfits took inspiration from the high-society style of English clothing, featuring bright whites, lace parasols, floral details, powdered wigs and ball gowns. The next scene was "Statuesque," by Oluwasefunmi Oluwafemi '25 and Naomi Malone '25.

The last scene of the first half was titled "Bad & Boujee," by the same designers of "Traperton." The scene featured clean, professional-style clothing such as suit jackets, and some elements showcasing pops of color to emphasize the "boujee" theme.

The first scene following intermission was "Knits & Knots," by Allure Cooper '23, which featured different pieces of crocheted clothing. Next was "We Do It Better," by James Andradas '23, which was centered around 90s street clothes such as puffer vests and Nirvana band tees.

The final scene was titled "Black Boy Joy" by Q Andrews

'24, featuring bright and soft colors on all male models. In conjunction with the music being played, there were recordings of multiple men's answers to questions such as "What does black boy joy mean to you?"

The fashion show came to an end with BSU President Endia Scales coming out on stage, joined by other executive members.

In addition to the Fashion Show, BSU also hosted their annual "Stomp Out Classic" on Feb. 25 in the Weis Center. Historically Black Fraternities and Sororities from across local universities convinced to participate in the tradition of stepping, a dance performance ritual that is unique to each individual organization.

Notably the Bucknell chapters of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. as well as the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority performed as well as the Bisonettes, much to the enjoyment and encouragement of Bucknellians in the crowd. The sisters of Delta Sigma Theta were awarded with the top performance of the night for a powerful routine that incorporated many elements of the BLM protests that rose to prominence in 2020 and 2021.

When asked to comment on the impact of Black Arts Fest on the Bucknell community as well as her role in its organization and production, Black Student Union President Endia Scales '24 said Black Arts Fest is BSU's biggest event of the year.

"It gives all Black students a chance to get involved and help showcase our Black art, creativity, and talent to the Bucknell community," Scales said. "Planning for Black Arts Fest as President this year has been hectic to say the least. I think everyone involved is always looking forward to finally seeing the pieces come together and I'm so proud of everyone. Black Arts Fest is my favorite time of year at Bucknell. We don't get many events at Bucknell that are catered to us and our culture, and Black Arts Fest allows us to see and appreciate ourselves and how we show up at Bucknell and of course have fun."

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**~ Endia Scales, BSG President**





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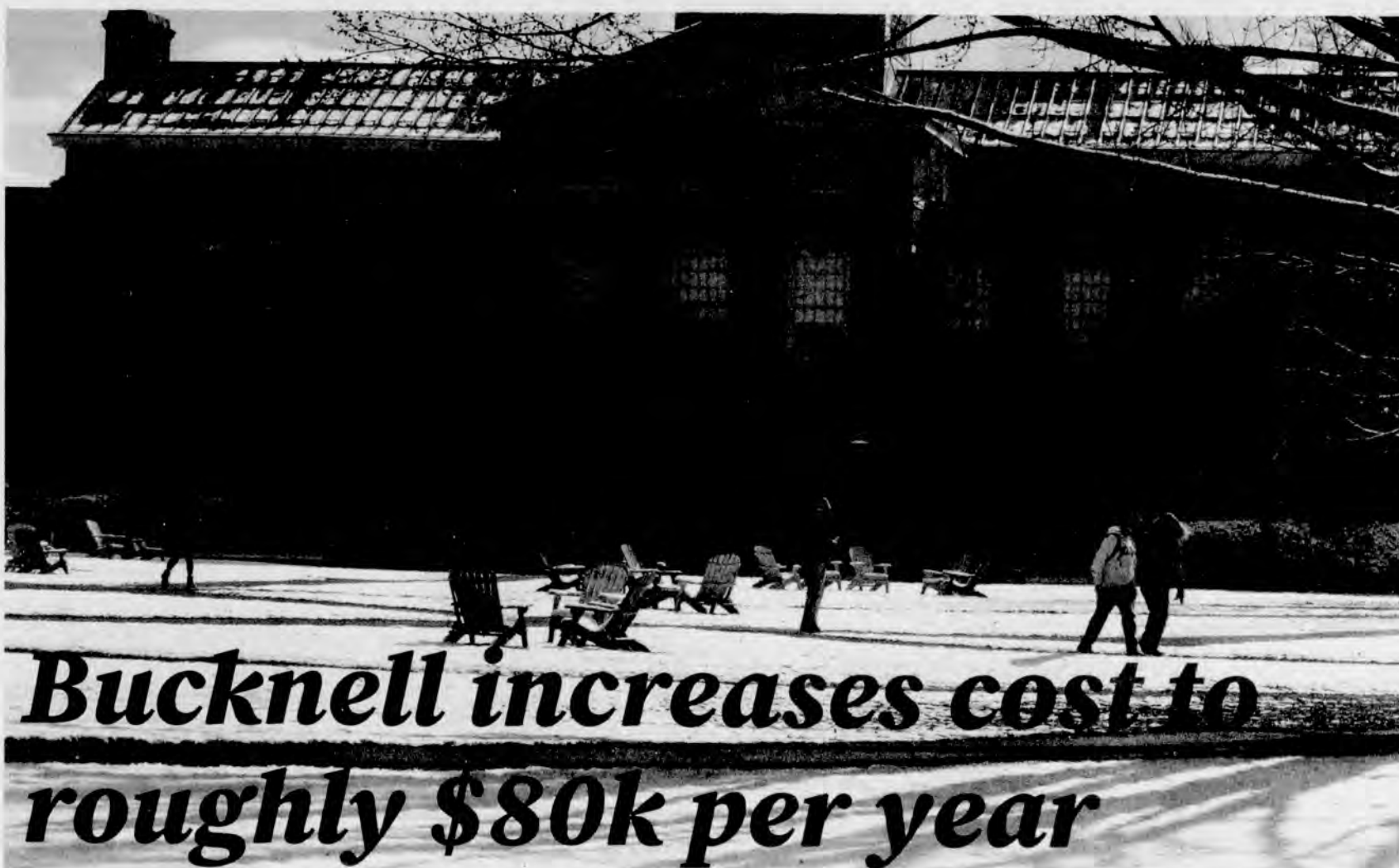
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## Bucknell increases cost to roughly \$80k per year

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Interim Vice President of Finance & Administration Param Bedi released a statement on Feb. 16, announcing that Bucknell's tuition will increase for the 2023-2024 academic year — putting an \$80,000 price tag on the university. The university's Board of Trustees gathered for their annual winter meeting in New York City, where they approved a 4.91 percent increase in tuition.

Before the recent announcement, Bucknell was already one of the most expensive private universities in the country. US News & World Report found that the national average cost of attendance for other similarly ranked private universities is \$39,700, a stark difference from tuition at Bucknell.

Tuition isn't the end of the ongoing list of financial obligations that many students at Bucknell see as necessary expenses. In addition to housing, books and basic necessities, meal plans are required for the first three years on campus.

Many students choose to bring cars to campus given the remote location of Lewisburg, which also presents challenges for students without cars to find affordable transportation to nearby airports. Socially, students also face expenses to participate in clubs and Greek letter organizations that require membership dues, of which 49 percent of eligible students get involved in during their time at Bucknell.

Bucknell's student body shares a diverse economic background — with many students able to afford the full extent of a

Bucknell education, while many others rely exclusively on full or partial financial aid and grants.

Approximately 53 percent of Bucknell's undergraduate students receive Bucknell grants or scholarships, which the Board has stated in the past, and many of the plans with the new budget are aimed at supporting students in scholarship programs. But ultimately, the substantial increase in tuition is unprecedented for all students and will hit many students harder than others.

President John Bravman explained that this change in tuition is much higher than previous years because of the effort to keep tuition as low as possible for students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Among the many negative byproducts of the pandemic, many middle-class families

have experienced significant financial hardship as the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported. BLS showed that inflation outpaced wages, and many Americans lost their jobs.

The S&P 500 Index indicated that many households saw losses in stock market investments in 2022, as the market had its worst year since the 2008-2009 global financial crisis. People who had saved for tuition in stocks saw the value of those savings decline significantly.

Bucknell's new cost is roughly equivalent to the median household income for American families, which is about \$78,000 according to the US Census.

While American pocketbooks can't keep up with soaring prices, the demand for

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## Bucknell developing new A.I. chatbot for L&IT

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Bucknell L&IT has begun developing an artificial intelligence chatbot that could be available to the Bucknell community as soon as April.

The Bucknellian met with Stephen O'Hara and Juliya Harnood, primary developers of the chat bot, to discuss their project. Mike Ferlazzo who works in Bucknell media relations also joined in on the call.

Artificial intelligence has been prevalent in the news recently following the release of ChatGPT by the company Open AI. ChatGPT is essentially a website that can answer many questions that it is asked.

"It's similar to having a computer perform tasks that a person would perform," O'Hara said. "A lot of it is around answering questions. A lot of it could be around presenting data in a certain way depending on what information you're looking to provide some sort of AI application."

In regards to the chatbot being developed at Bucknell, Harnood was able to describe some of the features that would be available to the Bucknell community.

"We're starting small," Harnood said. "So first, we have a live-chat feature for the library and we want to use this chat bot to take over that."

She said it will be helpful because the live-chat feature is only available when the librarians are present while the new chat bot would be an available resource to students even when

the librarians are away. This would be helpful for students who have questions late at night or over long breaks.

"We're thinking that this chat bot could be implemented in different departments on campus such as admissions, academics and maybe even athletics," Harnood said. "So, what I imagine in the future, we'll have this chatbot where students can go and ask questions such as, 'What CAP center event is tonight?' or 'What's the Bison special tonight?' or 'What are my grades?'"

Harnood and O'Hara both explained how AI applications such as ChatGPT or the one being developed at Bucknell learn on their own. That means that with every search or question asked, the program has more information in its system than before. Harnood said if you give the program a question it is not able to answer, someone from L&IT will program that answer in so that the chat bot is able to learn it for the future.

"Chatbots in higher education are all about getting people information quickly and easily," O'Hara said. "Instead of having to dig through websites and try to find information, the chatbot has all of that already and can provide the information up front."

O'Hara said the chat bot would be available all day and night.

The project is underway and L&IT said the community is excited about it. The team is looking for around a dozen students to help with testing phases of the program. Contact Juliya Harnood at jh062@bucknell.edu if you are interested.

## Bucknell to host TEDx after spring break

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Bucknell will hold a TEDx event from 5-8 p.m. at the Campus Theatre on April 1. The theme of the talk will be "The Essence of a Changing World."

TED, which stands for Technology, Entertainment and Design, is a nonprofit organization which seeks to "foster the spread of great ideas. It aims to provide a platform for thinkers, visionaries and teachers, so that people around the globe can gain a better understanding of the biggest issues faced by the world, and feed a desire to help create a better future," according to their website.

TEDx is a more localized program than TED, which focuses more on community organizing than its larger counterpart. While TEDx is not directly controlled by TED, it still obeys by the general TED rules and guidelines it sets for its events.

"For the attendance, we are capped at 100 attendees including my TED team, donors and any other invites," event organizer and Bucknell TEDx Club

president Sahana Paravantavida '23 said in an email. "From there, we will most likely be sending out invitations and opening up the rest of the tickets after that."

"The expectation for this year's event is a sort of 'debrief' after all the changes the pandemic has forced us through," Paravantavida said. "It will be a great place to engage with the speakers and each other and enjoy some food while we're at it. TEDx events are good opportunities to hear from various disciplines about a common theme."

The TEDx program description says that their "mission is to increase awareness surrounding pertinent topics through the voices of qualified speakers...We will bring in about five speakers; a combination of students, faculty, alumni and others."

The various committees working on the TEDx program at Bucknell include Selection, Event Management, Finance, Design, Media and Video Production.

While the full list of speakers are yet to be released, Lewisburg mayor Kendy Alvarez, is confirmed as one of this Spring's five speakers.

"What inspired me to get involved is a few things. That being my experience living abroad before coming to Bucknell, my desire to connect various communities on campus to work on a collective effort, and bringing TEDxBucknell back to life," Paravantavida said.

The last time Bucknell hosted a TEDx event was in 2018, where students, professors, and other guests spoke on the theme of "Under Pressure."

Two notable speakers for the event were George Pierson, President and CEO of the civil engineering firm Kleinfelder, and Jennifer Mellon, the Co-Founder and President of cybersecurity company Trustify.

"I think the emphasis is that the tickets are very limited," Paravantavida said.

She said that although most of the tickets will be given out as invitations, there will be a select number available on Bucknell's ticketing website. The final price is undecided at the time of publication, but Paravantavida estimates they will be around \$20 per ticket.

# TEDx BucknellUniversity

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# breaking the bubble

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## DOMESTIC

Sen. John Fetterman of Pa. may soon be able to return to his office from a voluntary hospitalization that took place over three weeks ago. He admitted himself into Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for his clinical depression which was the result of a stroke that he suffered last year just before his election as Pennsylvania Senator. His chief of staff, Adam Jentleson, tweeted last Monday that, "John is well on his way to recovery," that he is "laser focused" on Pennsylvania and that he would "be back soon." Jentleson shared that Fetterman co-sponsored a rail safety bill during his care, and the two have been discussing the Farm Bill and other Senate business.

Last week California's Sierra Nevada region experienced more severe winter storms, prompting Gov. Gavin Newsom to announce a state of emergency in 13 counties. Through last Tuesday, the region received more snow following a weekend of dangerous accumulation of up to 38 inches in just 24 hours. Avalanche warnings had persisted in central and southern Sierra Nevada through last Monday. Yosemite National Park closed indefinitely as an effect. The park has received up to 15 feet of snow in some areas. Homes in the San Bernardino mountains experienced snow as high as second-story windows and critical businesses in the area like grocery stores have been forced to close.

A court has ruled that transgender women can now compete in USA Powerlifting. JayCee Cooper filed a case against USA Powerlifting in 2021 for discrimination after she was banned from competing in women's events on the basis of gender. The organization has until March 14 to alter the current policy that bans transgender women from its competitions. The judge expressed that while the defendant focused on the idea of "fairness" in its argument, "The USAPL's evidence of competitive advantage does not take into account any competitive disadvantage a transgender athlete might face from, for example, increased risk of depression and suicide, lack of access to coaching and practice facilities, or another performance suppression common to transgender persons."

## INTERNATIONAL

The four Americans who were captured on March 3 while driving through Matamoros, Mexico for cosmetic surgery were found last Tuesday at a shack just outside the town. The FBI confirmed that they were driving in a white minivan with North Carolina license plates when unidentified gunmen opened fire. Video shows them being taken in a pickup truck by heavily armed men. Two Americans, Latavia "Tay" McGee and Eric James Williams have sustained minor injuries. Zindell Brown and Shaheed Woodard were killed, and their bodies have been recovered by U.S. officials. Mexican officials stated last Tuesday that one man had been arrested in connection to the abduction. The investigations are in the early stages as it is unclear whether they were ambushed, mistaken for competing drug traffickers or were caught in crossfire.

1.28 million workers in France walked off their jobs last Tuesday to protest President Emmanuel Macron's plan to raise the retirement age from 62 to 64. The plan is meant to preserve the French pension system without raising taxes or increasing national debt, as people are living longer and the ratio of workers to retirees is decreasing. Demonstrations played out across the country with some turning confrontational. Molotov cocktails were met with police retaliation and tear gas. These protests could continue for days or weeks, immobilizing much of the transportation both within and entering the country. The last time Macron tried to put this plan into effect was in 2019, and it prompted a seven week country-wide transportation strike, the longest transportation strike in French history.

## TUITION INCREASE

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higher education continues to rise. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, undergraduate enrollment across the country is projected to rise 8 percent, to roughly 17 million students, by 2030.

Many of the physical reminders of the pandemic have vanished from many people's daily lives, but the financial impacts of COVID are far from disappearing from American households.

The rise in tuition will bring about changes that students will see on campus. The Board approved the administration's recommendation to allocate funds for the construction of a team building at the Pascucci Family Athletics Complex, as well as pledging to fund a new office on campus, the Center for Access & Success.

The Center for Access and Success will open in Fall 2023, and will be dedicated to supporting students in Bucknell's five scholarship programs: Gateway Scholars Program, Charles T. Bauer Scholars Program, Posse Scholars Program, Langone and Langone-Walling Scholars Programs and the Bucknell Community College Scholars Program.

It still is unclear what other changes will be made to improve the student experience at Bucknell given the increase in tuition, but President Bravman is confident that "this is a time marked by exciting progress and momentum."

President Bravman and the Board have said they remain certain that increased funding will create an improved academic environment for students at Bucknell.

## Author Ann Leary speaks about writing process at forum event

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Michael Taromina  
News Co-Editor and Assistant News Editor

Novelist Ann Leary was on campus to attend a question and answer session and speak at a forum about her writing process on March 8.

Ann Leary had a question and answer session at noon, facilitated by professors Erica Delsandro and Robert Rosenberg. A number of the students in attendance were from Rosenberg's class, "Beginning the Novel."

One thing that Leary suggested was that a writer could create their ending first, to help guide themselves. She also suggested writing as if writing to a dear friend in a letter.

If a writer worries too much about whether or not their reader is getting their humor or the overall point of the writing, the writing could end up being heavy-handed, she said. Don't bring the reader to the conclusion — let the reader bring themselves to the conclusion.

Leary's novel, because of its basis on the Laurelton Village for Feeble-minded Girls and Women of Childbearing Age in Union County, Pa., required a substantial amount of research. She looked into local databases, becoming engrossed with the information because of how much she was learning about her family history.

"You can never do too much research," Leary said.

Later that day Leary discussed her novel in depth and the creative process it took to crafting it at a forum sponsored and paid for by the Funding University Lecture Committee, the Stadler Center, as well as various departments around campus and known Bucknell contributors.

Throughout the hour, Leary analyzed her background, specifically the effect her grand-

mother had on her and her legacy within the book. She discussed her grandmother and her relationship with her for the eight years she was alive in Leary's life. Her grandmother worked at Laurelton State Village, the place that was based on the setting in "The Foundling."

Leary mentioned years researching the history of Laurelton State Village in crafting her novel, learning about various doctors that presided over the mental hospital at the time when eugenics was a nationwide norm. She discussed the pain through her own readings and personal anecdotes that eugenics had on familial relationships with an intellectually disabled person.

In searching records, Leary learned extensively of Dr. Mary Wolf, a Bucknell graduate and doctor who worked at Laurelton State Village and who Leary based her grandmother off of. She then further discussed all of her characters within "The Foundling" and how her research led her to formulating them within writing, including Lillian, who Leary based on the average girl sent to an asylum back then.

In addition to talking about her book, Leary went into detail about the legal, societal, and physical hardship women endured throughout the eugenics period, roughly 1920-1940. She also mentioned why she made certain decisions within her book, such as her choice to write in first person point of view instead of third person point of view, to make the story more "real."

Leary claimed, "I wanted the reader to come to Laurelton State Village the way Mary did and the way I did too."

Leary ended the forum with a brief Q&A, where she was asked and answered about the evolution of Laurelton State Village, her writing process, and the effects prohibition had on mental hospitals.

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## Denice Frohman reads poetry at Uptown



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Denice Frohman came to Bucknell's Uptown to serve as the Women's History Month Keynote Speaker on March 8 from 7-8 p.m.

The description for the event said that, "Denice is a poet, performer, and educator whose work has appeared nationally and internationally. Her work explores the complexities of language, lineage, queerness, and the colonial relationship between the United States and Puerto Rico. Frohman sees her poetry as a tool for social change, cultural preservation, and aims to subvert traditional notions of power and knowledge.

At the event, people sat cross-legged and packed out

the house, and laughed along with Frohman as she read her works. Frohman spoke much about her experiences with her race, gender and sexuality during the event.

"I went to college thinking Latinos didn't write poetry, deadass," Frohman said.

She said there were many risks that people like her had to face. In Puerto Rico, many lesbians had to use fake names, she said, "We were all 'Maria', 'Maria' something."

'Maria' was a pseudonym used for the local woman who wanted to meet in secret, she said.

She wrote about clubs where she could come out, before she came out to her parents, and about how they were a safe haven for her and the gay community. In her poem, she

wrote about how "not far from [the clubs], people were shouting slurs and burning dresses to protest them. In her words, "We were who our mothers warned us about."

She said that "Poetry is an opportunity to slow down time," and reflected on her own colonial heritage. She wondered if she inherited "colonial impulses."

Frohman ended the event with a Q&A. When asked about how she made language "sound good," she answered that she came from a very musical family, and that the musicality of language came "very naturally" to her.

"It's not something you have to be born with, but with Puerto Rican culture, we have a very oral history," she said. "The Spanish language is a very physical language."

Poetry "sings true in the body" to Frohman. It is "sound over sense." One of the biggest lessons she learned from poetry was that "The breath is not where the line ends...don't equate a line with a breath."

Something else is that "Poetry gave me the space to speak about my own experience in a nuanced way," Frohman said.

She invited viewers to live their lives more honestly, and use their language to the fullest extent.

She said that "We could all build an intent relationship with language. I come from the school of hard knocks when it comes to literature, when it comes to poetry."

On the Poetry Foundation website, it says about Frohman's work that, it had been "featured

in anthologies such as "Nepantla: An Anthology Dedicated to Queer Poets of Color," "Women of Resistance: Poems for a New Feminism," the second edition of "Reading, Writing, and Rising Up," and others. Her work has been commissioned by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the city of Philadelphia, and as part of Twitter's #HereWeAre campaign."

The Women's History Month events were sponsored by the Women's Resource Center. This month coincides with the Milestone of 100 years of women in engineering, where 2023 is the centennial anniversary of the first woman graduate of Bucknell's engineering program. The theme for the month is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories."

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10 years ago in The Bucknellian: Students admit to Mod Burglaries

University students Jeffrey Finegan '14 and Carter Wells '14 were arraigned and released on payment of \$25,000 bail each on Feb. 27, facing charges of criminal trespassing, receiving stolen property and burglary.

Finegan was the president of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, a position he has since resigned. Wells is also a member of Delta Upsilon.

The pair admitted to Public Safety Officers to entering Mods 7 and 10, removing laptop computers, textbooks, cash and other items valued by police at more than \$9,600.

On Feb. 24, Delta Upsilon brothers Michael Maneri '13 and Andrew D'Abbraccio '15, who has since become president of Delta Upsilon, arrived

at the Department of Public Safety wishing to speak with an officer. They reported to officers Paul Shipton and Trace Nevil that Finegan was responsible for the thefts.

Maneri had loaned his car to Finegan on Feb. 16 and later found out that Finegan had used it to carry out the burglaries, according to the official criminal complaint filed with the Union County Courthouse.

Two other Delta Upsilon Brothers, Nathan Opalinski '15 and Justin Meshulam '15, accompanied Finegan to Mod 10 on Feb. 9, planning to pull a prank on the occupants by rearranging the furniture. They witnessed Finegan remove several items from the room, placing them in his backpack, the report continues.

Read more on: thebucknellian.net

Speak UP Bucknell grows with national trend

Speak UP Bucknell has continued to grow this semester as both athletic groups and Greek organizations have made conscious efforts to become involved. Members of the men's crew team, for example, decided to participate in a presentation. Fraternities have also asked to attend a sexual misconduct related program this semester and chose to take the Speak UP program.

Last semester, the Speak UP program replaced the Transition to College class that had previously provided specific presentations for all first-year students. Speak UP Bucknell was founded in Jan. 2012 as part of the University's ongoing efforts to help prevent sexual assault, dating violence and stalking on campus. The program is a partnership between Psychologi-

cal Services and the Women's Resource Center, and is facilitated by student peer educators, as well as modeled on the University of New Hampshire's program "Bringing in the Bystander."

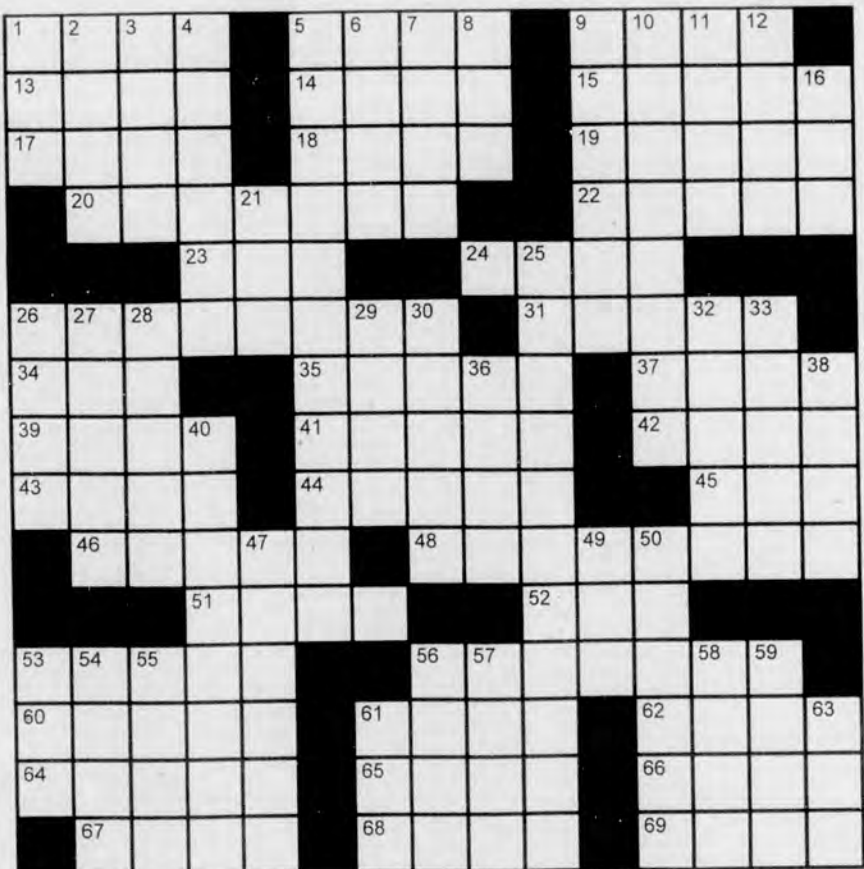
The Speak UP program is headed by Marie Shaw, assistant director of Psychological Services, and Tracy Shaynak, director of the Women's Resource Center. The peer education program is facilitated by 21 students who work to make the program interactive by promoting conversation during the presentations. The program is founded on the idea of the bystander effect.

"We intentionally created the program to be centered around students' voices, so that the education came from them rather than solely from the administration," Shaynak said.

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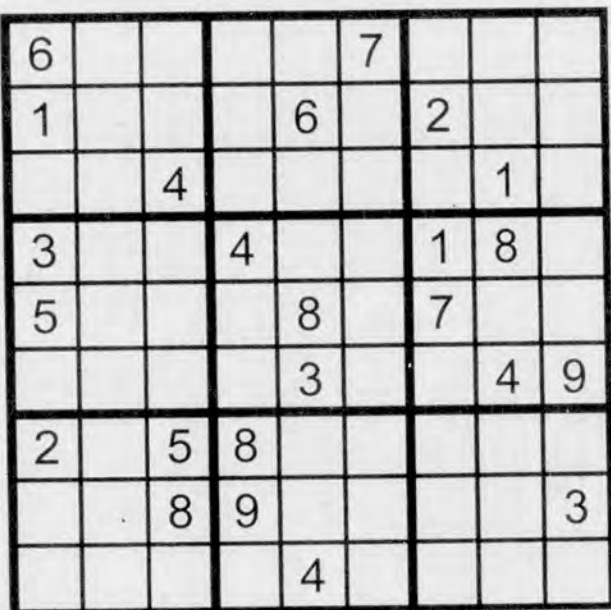
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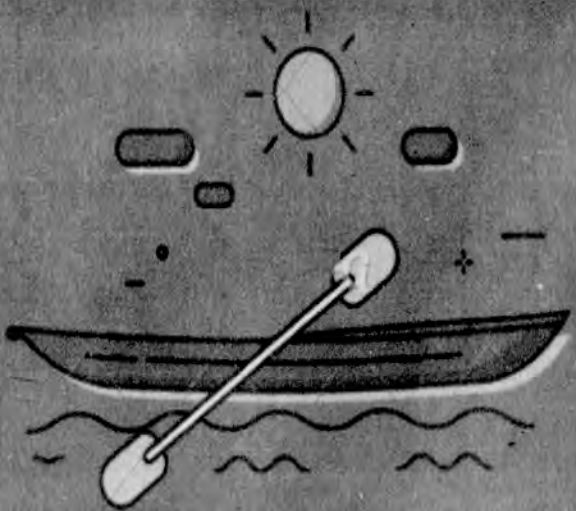
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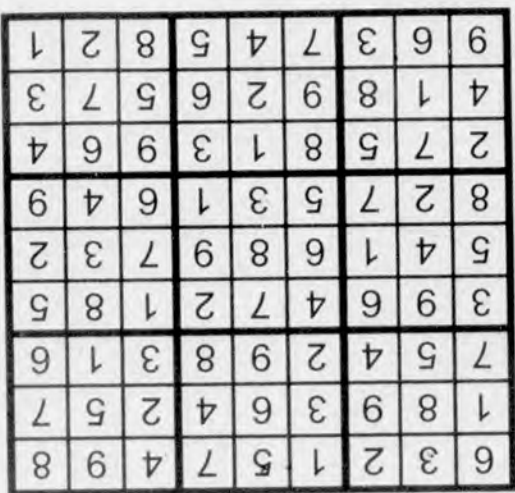
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# Team Edward vs. Team Jacob war breaks out at Uptown's Twinight

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It was a dark, mildly cold and windy night when students gathered at Uptown for Twinight. Dressed to impress in their best merch and cosplays, fans settled down with their themed drinks and snacks to watch the first two "Twilight" movies.

From its late 2000s sparkly vampires to relationships so full of red flags you'd think it was a road work area, the Twilight Saga has garnered quite the cult following, with many holding a soft spot for the trainwreck love story. So, most of the fans who went to Twinight expected it to be a chill event where everyone could poke fun at it together. Little did they know that Twinight would devolve into all out war as a decades-long feud was renewed.

Robert Pattinson's Edward Cullen was well known for his stalkerish and controlling tendencies as Bella Swan's main love interest during the first film. While fans loved him because he was the only love interest to care about, the adoring teens became split once Taylor Lautner's "Jacob Black" was introduced. The feud between Team Edward and Team Jacob had been so intense, many people were hesitant to even be fans of the series out of fear of getting dragged into the vampire and werewolf obsessed teen war. The tensions eventually died down, but as the original fans became relatively functioning adults and rediscovered the series, the feud has made quite the comeback and has made itself known on our campus.

The event had started off alright, with the only

interruptions being the die hard fans quoting every line, but halfway through the first movie, the screening took a turn when the Jacob fans started to demand the movie be sped up so they could get to the second movie faster.

Some viewers tried to settle them down, but the Edwardians became incensed, proclaiming that the first film was the best since "everything was fine for Edward and Bella before Jacob showed up!"

Team Jacob was quick to fight back, countering "but he was Bella's true love" with evidence of Edward's stalker tendencies, like when he repeatedly broke into her house to watch her sleep.

The Jacob fans' reasoning was clear, but Team Edward was just as ready to cite all the red flags Jacob displayed in the later films, like crashing Edward and Bella's wedding and trying to steal their baby.

Their back and forth continued, each side getting more riled up to the point where Team Jacob started barking to drown out Team Edward's arguments. In an attempt to get back to the movies, someone suggested a trivia contest — whichever team answered the most questions correctly would prove their beau the best. Both teams agreed, but it quickly became clear that each group only knew facts related to their favorite, resulting in a tie.

Unfortunately, they couldn't accept that Edward and Jacob were equal in their terrible-ness, leading them to go back to their insult throwing for the rest of the event.

## Bucknell enters its hot girl era

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With spring break right around the corner, it's natural that Bucknell's students want to have fun and look great while doing it. So, it should come as no surprise that the University has officially entered its "Hot Girl Era."

During a press conference on Monday, President John Chillaxing Bravman officially declared the week of March 6-10 as "Hot Girl Week." While sipping a piña colada, wearing Ray-Bans and Birkenstocks and sitting in a Tommy Bahama beach chair, he stated, "I've had enough of all the seriousness and stress. We need to start relaxing more and embrace the Hot Girl Era." Bravman then proceeded to get off stage and drive a moped back to his house while drinking coconut water.

Students and faculty responded to the news with immense satisfaction, as everyone began adopting the Hot Girl mindset. Professors have started to decrease their workloads to give students more time to relax and settle into the new mentality.

"I'm a professor for the people," Professor Mim Osa from the sociology department said. Lately, Professor Osa has been doing research on the effects of the Hot Girl Era on students' mental health. "I firmly believe that the Hot Girl Era has increased the student's happiness levels all across campus," he added while drinking a mimosa and reading the latest Colleen Hoover novel.

The Environmental Studies department has also embraced the Hot Girl mindset by transforming the indoor pool at the KLARC into a fully-formed indoor beach, complete with cabanas, sand and clown fish. The students even turned the pool into a saltwater pool to truly get the ocean effect and simulated sunlight by attaching heat lamps to the ceiling.

"We thought that this would be a great idea since we're all in our Hot Girl Eras right now," Environmental Studies major Sandy Beech '24 said while doing a face mask with cucumbers on her eyes and getting a massage from a masseuse.

But the campus-wide Hot Girl Era would not be complete without the Bostwick Marketplace in on the action. Bostwick has recently changed its menu so that everyone can get their perfect beach body. They got rid of all of the unhealthy food they serve, so now three grains of rice are allowed per student. The caf aux also got an upgrade; they now only play yacht rock and Jimmy Buffet tunes.

Let's hope that the University's Hot Girl Era lasts even beyond spring break! Unfortunately, this seems unlikely since the maintenance staff has already filed several reports against the Environmental Studies department's indoor beach for the sand being difficult to clean up.

# Students clean out egg bar, chef gives them live chickens instead

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Everyone knows that Bostwick is renowned for its five-star fine dining. Between the sauté station, V2, and the sandwich bar, it's no wonder why the lines are always so long: the food is worth waiting for! Of all the exquisite cuisine options, the one that attracts the most customers is the egg bar.

There, students can customize scrambled eggs or a delicious omelet with as many eggs as their hearts desire. They can also choose from various add-ins, including sausage, bacon, unicorn meat, spinach, onions, Hershey kisses and peppers, among others. Up until now, students have basked in eggs-galore. However, the caf is experiencing an egg shortage, largely due to athletes ordering 25-egg scrambles each morning before lifts.

Bostwick finally decided enough was enough when last week, history major Yolkahontas ordered a 34-egg omelet. Yolkahontas ate her entire order, but she was rushed to Geisinger after collapsing to the ground from severe stomach pains.

Bostwick can't keep up with this demand anymore. With so many students ordering dozens of eggs, the caf is out of their weekly supply after just an hour. To combat this, egg bar chef Gordan Rooster issued the following statement:

"From now on, anyone who orders more than three eggs per day from the egg bar will be given a personal chicken instead. This way, you will be responsible for gathering your own eggs and presenting them to me when you order so that we don't keep running out."

Students were appalled by this news. What would they do with their personal chickens during the day? Keep them in their room? Bring them to class? It was this second point that students soon discovered, and they became much more willing to take on the responsibility after this realization. Rather than using the chickens for supplying eggs, Bucknellians began raising their chickens as dorm room pets.

Since everyone knows chickens have severe separation anxiety, students have started to bring their chickens with them to class. Professors have

been livid ever since their chicken-to-student ratio has exceeded 1:1, with chickens outnumbering students.

Yolkahontas and her roommate brought their chickens, Henrique Egglasias and Chick Jagger, along with them to their music theory lecture. Students were entertained as Yolkahontas graced the class with her rendition of The Chicken Dance rather than her scheduled oral report about ancient African instruments.

Their classmate, Chikira, felt inspired by this visit and brought her three chickens, Obi-Wan Henobi, Chew-Bock-A and Princess Lay-A-Egg along with her to her film analysis course. Needless to say, "Chicken Little" was a hit in class. Bucknell's janitors have not been as excited, since they are furious with the fecal messes they've had to clean the chickens left behind.

Has Rooster's initiative solved Bostwick's egg shortage? No, no it has not. However, it has given Bucknellians new fluffy companions. If you can't cure food insecurity, you may as well cure loneliness!

## Tuition over 80k? Here's why Bucknell needs extra cash

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As if tuition wasn't high enough already, Bucknell recently raised it to over \$80,000! Instead of becoming enraged at the University for charging students more in one year than many schools do in four, perhaps students should think about the multitude of reasons why Bucknell could use the extra cash.

For one, the recent uptick in tuition can largely be attributed to the growing popularity of Cafsgiving in recent years. Bostwick will completely run out of food next Cafsgiving if the tuition doesn't rise. If you don't believe me, then go look at Bucknell's Cafsgiving post on Instagram. Students literally waited outside the caf five hours before the event even started; it was like Black Friday but instead of clothing and flatscreen TVs, it was turkey and mashed potatoes that were sought after.

Also, the student body needs to be aware of how expensive those

blue and orange Adirondack chairs are. Bucknell recently purchased a new shipment of them and they're certainly not cheap. They must be in pretty high demand, too. If you've ever seen a stolen Adirondack chair in an eight-foot-wide dorm room like I have, you would know exactly what I'm talking about.

The last and perhaps most important reason for the increase in tuition is to pay for the salary of Bucknell's janitors. You may be wondering, is the salary of a janitor seriously worth a \$5,000 bump in tuition? The answer is yes, and here's why.

Each week, an average of 25 Exit signs are ripped down from Bucknell's ceilings. Every custodian employed at Bucknell threatened to go on strike if they were not given a \$20,000 bonus. After falling from their ladders and risking injury because of a select few drunk students, they decided they had had enough. Muhnee Hurt, who recently fell

from his ladder and fractured his kneecap repairing a sign, shared his opinion on his injury: "Though I will never walk again, at least I'll never have to repair another Exit sign."

So the next time you get angry at Bucknell for the increase in tuition, think about all the various ways Bucknell has to distribute their money. Think of Bucknell without the Adirondack chairs to lounge in on a sunny September afternoon. Think of Bucknell without Cafsgiving - the only holiday when it is socially acceptable to gain five pounds in one night. And lastly, think of Bucknell without Exit signs. Without them, would students even know how to leave their own dorms?

We wouldn't survive without these assets on Bucknell's campus. So, instead of resenting Bucknell for the tuition increase, perhaps we should take a moment to be thankful for President Bravman's decision.

## Aristotle, Socrates and Plato crash "Meet the Greeks" event

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Bucknell hosted its annual "Meet the Greeks" event this past Sunday. This hectic event featured tentative and scared freshmen crowded into Larison dining. Their goal was to catch a glimpse of their future by looking into the depraved eyes of the current frat bros and sorority gals.

In a post-game interview, one terrified freshman described the event as "sad and awkward...but more so confusing because just when I was about to make my gnarly escape through a window, Aristotle, Socrates and Plato crashed into the room from the main dining room door."

Dressed in pristine white robes, they eloquently descended while the song An Eisai Ena Asteri played mysteriously in the background from an unknown speaker.

Immediately, a junior in Chi Phi turned to his Greek brother from another mother and asked, "I thought the Greek-themed mixer was Tuesday night..?"

His frat bro turned to him and responded, "Nah bro, I think these guys are the real deal."

And oh boy, were the brothers from Chi Phi right.

Standing in the middle of Larison Dining, Plato began a Platonic dialogue during which he asked the brothers and sisters of Alpha dog K-9 Chi, "Do we really have free will? How about knowledge-what do we know? What is death? What gives us meaning?"

Soon, Larison Dining became even more silent than classrooms when professors asked students to answer a question.

After looking inquisitively

at the ground for several long moments, one Fiji frat bro stood up and spoke.

"Easy. One: yes to free will," he said. "Two: I know your mom. Three: death is like when milk expires-except it's a person. Four: getting girls."

The entire hall erupted in applause from frat bros and sorority sisters alike. The words from this Fijian had resonated so deeply with their souls that they began to levitate off the ground. Once the applause had died down and dirty white air forces had reconnected with the earth, Aristotle, Plato and Socrates collected their thoughts.

Ultimately, the three ancient Greek philosophers were so disappointed in what had become of "man" that they interlocked their arms and rejoined the eternal universe.



# Enrolled Students Day!

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Members of the Bucknell class of 2027 had the opportunity to spend the day on campus for Enrolled Students Day 2023 on Saturday, March 4.

Students spent time getting to learn more about Bucknell and everything the campus has to offer. This event allowed students who were accepted to Bucknell through early decision 1 or 2 to meet each other, professors and current Bucknell students. The day went from 8 a.m. until around 4 p.m., and included a full tour of campus.

Bucknell's dedicated student tour guides worked tirelessly to ensure the enrolled students received well informed tours. Greeters welcomed the students when they first arrived, demonstrating Bucknell's sense of community. Guides were situated around campus at different stations to direct students and family members around the campus.

Senior tour guide, Jack Romano, has been a tour guide at Bucknell since his first year as a student. Romano took time to explain why Enrolled Students Day is one of his favorite days of the year as a tour guide, saying, "Working for admissions is so rewarding because I get to highlight all the great things about Bucknell to interested students and families," Romano said. "Enrolled Students Day, however, brings a whole new perspective to campus as the students

have already appreciated what campus has to offer and have committed to their next four years here. This becomes the first look they get at their new peers, environment and network."

"It was a pleasure meeting some new and some familiar faces on Saturday while they were engaging in information sessions, tours, meals and other interactive experiences," Romano said when asked about the day as a whole. "It's wonderful to see that Bucknell will be in accomplished and enthusiastic hands for years to come."

Especially for senior tour guides like Romano, tours with Bucknell students who will not even be on campus with them is a unique experience they get to share with future Bucknellians.

Future first year students also had great experiences at enrolled students day. For many, this was their first time meeting other Bucknell students their age. When asked about the program, future first year student Gavin Phillips '27 shared his thoughts.

"As an enrolled student at Bucknell I felt extremely welcomed to campus. I thought the students and staff did an excellent job describing and teaching us what life will be like for the next four years of my life," Phillips said. "Receiving a tour of campus and getting to know other student personnel that are attending in the class of 2027 helps me get an understanding of how college works a little."

Enrolled students also received a free meal at Bostwick Cafeteria, and the lacrosse team had a home game during the events. "I enjoyed the meal at the Elaine Langone Center, and got a feel of how dining would be," Phillips said. "During the end of the day, I watched the Bison put up a tough match against Marist in lacrosse; unfortunately, they lost but it was still a great game. My experiences at Bucknell Enrolled Students Day were absolutely incredible, and I am happy to say that I will be a Bison next year."

An overall great experience seemed to be shared by all of the enrolled students. Many of the enrolled students in the class of 2027 even have siblings that currently attend Bucknell.

Ellie Blundin '27 has a sister who is a Bucknell sophomore, and although she has been to campus before, she thought Enrolled Students Day was very beneficial. "I had so much fun learning more about the school and meeting my fellow classmates. It was a great experience walking around campus and imagining myself here next year. The tour guides offered great insight into the different aspects of Bucknell and were very beneficial to talk to. Even though I had been to campus before, Enrolled Students Day was a great experience and I would recommend that future enrolled students make sure to take part in it." Following Enrolled Students Day, the next major events for the Bucknell Admissions Office are the Admitted Student Days on April 15 and April 22. Admitted Students Day will let students who have not already enrolled to get a taste of Bucknell before they make a final decision for college. For any questions regarding the admissions process, please reach out to the Bucknell Admissions Office, and more specifically the regional representative for your area.

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# sports

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## Women's Lacrosse dominates in home victory

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Bison Women's Lacrosse hosted their second home game of the season this past weekend against St. Bonaventure. The Orange and Blue dominated the Bonnies in all four quarters, leading them to a 22-6 victory. Now on a three-game win streak, the Bison have bettered their record to 3-2.

The Bison came out fired up, scoring a quick eight goals in the first quarter alone. First-year attacker Alex Nesbitt '26 helped set the tone early on by assisting on the first two goals. The Orange and Blue kept up the scoring in the second quarter, putting up six more goals. Carly Cenci '25 added the final Bison goal of the quarter, leading them 14-3 into the half.

Following the break, the Bison maintained the energy. The team scored four more times in the third quarter, as Allie Boyce '25 recorded her seventh goal of the match, tying her career high. Four different Bison recorded points in the fourth quarter, tallying 12 different scorers throughout the match.

The Orange and Blue finished with a 22-6 victory.

There was much to be proud of in this Bison victory. To start, the 22 goals scored against the Bonnies were the most in the team's past four seasons. Not only were there a double-digit number of goal scorers, but 15 players received at least one point during the match. Many of these points were some players' first, marking an incredible milestone in their career.

"We had an incredible full team performance this weekend," Boyce said. "It is really exciting to see the team begin to click, especially being only one game away from Patriot League play. Our biggest team goal this year is to make the Patriot League playoffs, so those wins are going to be very important."

The Bison look to keep building the momentum in their final game before Patriot League play. The team will travel to Mount St. Mary's on Saturday, March 11, in a 3 p.m. face-off. The game will be streamed on ESPN+.



Lauren Medeiros

Last weekend, Bison Men's Tennis faced off against Loyola, Fordham and Marist. Fortunately for Bucknell, they won all three matches.

First, the team made their 2023 Patriot League debut in a 6-1 victory over Loyola. For the Bison, this was their seventh straight win, and is tied with the team's longest winning streak since their 2001-2002 season.

The Bison dominated in the doubles matches, sweeping all three 6-2, 6-4 and 7-6. The doubles teams have played a huge role in Bucknell's recent triumphs, as they have taken the doubles point eight matches in a row.

Regarding the singles matches, the Bison won five out of six. Single player No. 1, Amar Tahirovic '26 defeated his opponent 7-5, 6-1. No. 2 Nick Mueller '23 won 6-2, 6-1. No. 3 Michael Owen '23 prevailed 6-2, 6-2. No. 4 Tim Zelikovsky '24 won 6-2, 6-3 and No. 5 Brendan McDonald '26 triumphed 6-1, 7-6.

Next, the Bison hosted Fordham and defeated them 5-2 for the Bison's eighth straight win. This eight game winning streak is the longest since 1998, when the Bison began the year

with 15 straight wins on the way to a 19-2 season.

For the ninth straight match, Bucknell's doubles teams clinched the doubles point for the match with scores of 6-1, 6-4 and 6-4. Bucknell used the same doubles lineup as the match against Loyola on Friday.

Adding to their overall score, the Bison won the middle four singles flights, with Mueller setting the tone with a 6-0, 6-1 victory at No. 2.

McDonald and Zelikovsky both defeated their opponents in straight sets. Zelikovsky's win at No. 4 singles clinched the final point for the match.

Additionally, Owen came back at No. 3 after losing a first-set tiebreaker.

Although No. 1 singles player Harrison Gold '24 did not come up with the win, he had a hard fought three set match. He fell to his opponent in both the second and third set tiebreakers.

In their final match on the weekend, the Orange and Blue successfully won against Marist 6-1. This win extended the teams streak to nine victorious matches in a row.

Once again, for the 10th straight opponent, the doubles teams

clinched the point for the match with wins 6-4 and 6-1.

The singles players in flights 1-5 also brought in five huge points for the team. No. 1 singles Tahirovic won 6-3, 6-2. No. 2 Gold defeated his opponent 6-2, 6-0. No. 3 Mueller was successful 6-3, 6-2. No. 4 Owen scored 6-4, 6-2 and No. 5 Zelikovsky triumphed 7-5, 6-3.

The only point won by Marist was in a hard fought No. 6 singles spot, where McDonald was defeated after three sets. McDonald won his first set 6-4, but unfortunately fell in the last two 6-2 and 10-5.

"There was great discipline and resiliency across the board from everyone," Tahirovic said. "We fought hard all weekend and the results showed. Keeping the win streak alive after this weekend definitely felt good. Big ups to Brendan for winning all three doubles matches this weekend again and improving his doubles record to an unreal 20-3."

As a result of their successful weekend, Bucknell now has a record of 9-4 and will travel to California to face UC Santa Cruz on March 13.

## Upcoming Events

### Women's Softball

- In Florida vs. LIU on 3/10 at 11 a.m.

### Men's Baseball

- At home vs. Rhode Island on 3/11 at 12 p.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

- At home vs. Boston University on 3/11 at 1 p.m.

### Women's Lacrosse

- In Maryland vs. Mount St. Mary's on 3/11 at 3 p.m.

### Women's Tennis

- In South Carolina vs. College of Charleston at 10 a.m.

### Men's Golf

- Bash at the Beach in South Carolina on 03/13

### Women's Golf

- SMSU Spring Classic on 03/13 in Arizona

### Men's Tennis

- In California vs. UC Santa Cruz on 03/13

### Wrestling

- NCAA Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma

## Bison Baseball continues to compete away

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Bison baseball was on the road this past weekend as they traveled to World War Memorial Stadium in East Greensboro N.C. The team first faced off against Western Michigan at noon on Saturday and lost 15-5, and later in the weekend, 9-5. Immediately following, the Bison played against host NC A&T and fell 16-2.

The Bison started out strong against the Western Michigan Broncos on Saturday, going up 4-0 at the beginning of the game. The four-point lead came from an RBI single from Grant Voytovich '24 and a three-run homer from Sean Keys '25.

However, the Broncos soon retaliated against Bison pitcher Will Greer '23. The Broncos took advantage, adding a three-run home run to bring the score to 6-4 in their favor.

Jacob Corson '24 scored for the Bison off of an RBI single in the seventh inning to bring the Bison's final total to five. Corson hit on two of his three at-bats for the Bison, who were limited to just six hits in the entire game.

"We hit the ball well in the first inning against Western Michigan, but we cooled down offensively in the later innings," Voytovich said. "It was our first time playing on a natural surface this year, so it was definitely an adjustment defensively too."

The Bison then faced off against the NC A&T Aggies. NC A&T had defeated the Western Michigan Broncos 8-7 on Friday and were victorious against the Bison as well, scoring in seven of their eight at-bats and winning 16-2.

Voytovich had hits on three of his four at-bats and Keys went two-for-four. Together they tallied exactly half of the Bison's 10 hits.

Voytovich had an RBI single in the fifth inning and a home run in the seventh to get Bucknell on the board. This was Voytovich's third round-tripper of the season.

"I think we got away from our approach in the game against NC A&T," Voytovich said. "Their pitchers were executing their pitches, and I also think the game sped up on us. We are definitely looking to rebound this week and this weekend especially since we are playing at a familiar place. It will be a great test to see where we are at as a team."

The Bison then faced off against the Western Michigan Broncos for the second time. The game remained scoreless for the first three innings before Bucknell went up with a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth.

Pitcher Tyler O'Neill '25 stood out with a solid first four innings, only permitting the Broncos one hit.

Jacob Corson '24, the Patriot League on-base percentage leader, started the scoring with a leadoff walk.

Billy Kender '25 bunted to get Corson onto second before Keys hit an RBI single to send Corson home.

Jacob Terwilliger '23 hit a single to send Keys home and bring the lead to 2-0.

The Broncos responded quickly with four runs in the fifth inning before adding two more in the sixth to bring the score to 6-2.

At this point, the Bison had the bases loaded with just one out in the bottom half, but Bronco Joe Shapiro had a double play to hold off the offensive threat.

WMU and Bucknell each scored three more runs in the final two innings. The Bison scored off of an RBI groundout from Kyle Lyons '23, an error and a pinch-hit single from Henry Novicki '23. Nevertheless, the Broncos ended in the lead with a final score of 9-5.

"The weekend definitely wasn't our best by any means, but it gives us the chance to deal with some adversity and come together as a team," Corson said. "The team is still positive and is looking forward to our home opener."

## Women's Water Polo travels to Ann Arbor

Jamille Attiyeh

After a long trip to Michigan, Bucknell's Women's Water Polo looks forward to coming back to dominate on Senior Night.

The Bison opened the weekend of March 4-5 in Ann Arbor with a game against rival Saint Francis University, Pa. on Saturday morning, and finished the weekend on Sunday with two ranked teams. These teams were the hosts No. 12 Michigan and No. 20 San Jose State.

Saturday's morning game was a tight, tough fought battle with Saint Francis, Pa.

Bucknell swam to a lead with a Boati Motau '25 goal, an Isabelle Monaghan '24 conversion and a Gwen Kallmeyer '26 goal for an exciting 3-1 Bison lead.

The second period was predominantly knotted in a defensive battle. Early on the Red Flash twice found the net, but Bucknell stuck them to a two score period.

With the Bison not crossing the goal, the period ended bound in a tie at 3-3. The Bison came out firing in the third quarter. Kallmeyer, Motau and Monaghan fired up the Bison's score, and despite a Red Flash comeback, the quarter ended 6-5 in Bucknell's favor.

The momentum shifted in the fourth, with St. Francis's three straight goals to make it 8-6. The Bison answered with goals by Bella Schraa '26 and Monaghan sending the game into overtime.

Despite a fierce Orange and Blue battle, the Bison ended up one goal short, the final score being 9-10. The University of Michigan came out swift on Sunday, scoring 11 goals in the first half.

Despite Bucknell's three goal effort to come back in the second half, the game concluded with a 16-3 win for the Wolverines. Looking to rebound the day, Bucknell Women's Water Polo team came out playing hard against San Jose, ending the first quarter within one.

The second period was a whirlwind with a combined effort of 11 goals, but left the Orange and Blue down by four at 9-3.

The Bison came out in the second half and fired back with seven goals coming within three. Kallmeyer led the team's scoring with four goals, but the Orange and Blue's wave of hard effort fell short and San Jose out-fired to a 16-12 final.

"This weekend we played three games that demonstrated our growth over the season," Bella Moynihan '23 said. "We lost by one in a double OT to St. Francis and had a very close game with San Jose State. We did a great job working together to communicate defensive zones and were able to convert on offense. We are looking forward to playing St. Francis for Senior Night in two weeks!"

The team will come back on March 25, looking to avenge their loss to Saint Francis.





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## Women's Basketball's season ends in league quarterfinals

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The Bucknell women's basketball season came to a close on Monday with a 63-55 quarterfinal loss to the No. 3 seeded Lehigh Mountain Hawks in the Patriot League Tournament. The Bison entered as the No. 6 seed following a 69-66 victory against American.

It was a thrilling end to a back-and-forth contest against the Eagles, both teams playing with a lot on the line. The winner of that game earned the No. 6 seed in the conference tournament, and the top six seeds earned an automatic first round bye.

The Eagles knocked down four of their first eight three point attempts in the first half, an area where American usually struggles, shooting below 30 percent from three point range as a team this season.

It was the dominance of Emma Shaffer '23 that secured the victory for the Bison. Her ability to

take over in the second half in the paint brought Bucknell back after trailing for most of the third quarter.

Shaffer went for 24 points and 11 rebounds on 11-17 shooting from the field, most coming in the second half after a first half where she was having a tough time putting down layups that she usually makes. She was awarded a paint touch on most possessions in the second half, where she was able to use her solid footwork to roll off her defender and find a path to the basket or get fouled in the process.

When double teams arrived on her, she used her excellent vision to kick the ball back out to teammates for open outside looks.

Remi Sisselman '25 also contributed nine points on 3-3 shooting from three point range.

Against Lehigh, the Bison had the same issues as their regular season matchup on Feb. 22, where Lehigh came out victorious. Kramer poured 30 points on the Bison on Monday night after handing them 31 in the last matchup. Hottinger went for 25 points and 10 rebounds on Friday night. Lehigh only had eight total points not scored by two of their players, and Bucknell again could not contain the two lethal scorers.

"Senior year was super special to me all around," Shaffer said. "I knew going into it that it was my last time for everything in a Bucknell uniform, so I had to cherish every moment. It was super special to be that example and role model for the younger kids on the team."

Women's Basketball finished the season as the sixth best team in the Patriot League, with a 13-17 overall record and a 9-9

## Softball went 2-1 this past weekend vs. Coppin State and Towson

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Senior Writer

Bison Softball traveled to Towson, Md., where they took on Coppin State and Towson in a double header. The Bison stood at a record of 3-9 prior to this weekend. The game ended after five innings, due to the mercy run rule, when the Bison won 14-0.

Madison Roukey '25 pitched the entire game, letting up zero runs, her fourteenth career shutout. Chase Knapp '23 led offensively with two doubles and four RBIs.

The Orange and Blue started out strong in the first inning, scoring six runs. Elena Horn '25 started it all with a walk, followed by MaKenzie Hilling '25 with a sacrifice bunt. Horn then managed to get to third on a wild pitch. Savannah Jones '25 walked and then stole second. Zoie Smith '24 was hit by a pitch which led to bases being filled. Knapp hit a double to bring in each runner. Knapp then managed to come home after a wild pitch and right away the Bison were up 4-0.

Kailyn Lorberter '23 and Annabella Hawkins '24 were each hit, and Noelle Gardon '24 walked to once again load the bases. Horn was up again and reached after a throwing error. Two more runs came in to finish the inning.

Coppin State was unable to score off of Roukey's impressive pitching. In the second inning, the Bison added three more runs with more contributions from Jones, Knapp and Lorberter. Both teams went scoreless in the third inning.

The Bison quickly closed the game out. Rukey threw a 1-2-3 inning in the fourth. At the top of the fourth, Jones led off with a double. Ava Aguilar '25 pinch ran and was able to advance to third on a wild pitch. Smith hit a double to bring Aguilar in. Lorberter and Gardon walked to once again load the bases. Hawkins hit a triple down the left field line. Haley Speicher '26 brought Hawkins home after a throwing error. Horn then followed with an infield single. Aguilar came back up to the plate and doubled to left center to not only bring Horn home, but give the Bison the 14-0 lead. Roukey finished off the game with two strikeouts and a fly-out to secure the victory on the run-rule.

The Bison faced Coppin State again the next morning. Despite letting up a few runs and trailing a good part of the game, the Bison once again defeated Coppin State 9-3. Both teams started out the game scoreless. Smith almost made it home after walking and stealing both second and third, however, was prevented by a grounder left leaving the catcher stranger.

Coppin State scored first in the second inning. They continued bringing in runs in the third, expanding their lead to 3-0. The Bison put their first runs up on the board in the fifth inning.

Angelina Seropian '26 doubled, and Gardon singled and stole second. A bunt from Hawkins loaded the bases. A fielding error brought in their first run. Hilling singled

which brought in two more runs and tied the game.

Soon Coppin State replaced their pitcher, who hit Knapp and ultimately brought in another run. By the end of the inning the Bison were leading 7-3.

Olivia Marinelli '23 came in to pitch and Coppin State was unable to score off of her. The Bison added a couple more runs in the seventh inning to initiate a comfortable lead. Marinelli closed the game with a 1-2-3 inning. The Bison won 9-3.

In their next game against Towson, Roukey started on the mound. The Bison were the first to score, with runs coming in the second inning. Knapp hit her second home run of the season. The Bison were able to load the bases but were unable to score after Horn grounded out to end the inning.

Towson countered right away. Kaiya Burton '23 soon came into the circle to relieve and close the inning. Towson managed to obtain a 3-1 lead. Three more innings went by before any real action from either team. The Bison put up a run in the sixth inning. Seropian hit a single that brought Smith in. The score was now 3-2, the Orange and Blue trailing. Once again, Towson answered. A double and bunt helped Towson score one more run. The Bison were unable to score again and the game ended 4-2 Towson.

The Bison are heading down to Florida for The Spring Games this week.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Dylan Chappell '25



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### Profile

#### Sport

Wrestling

#### Hometown

Cranberry Twp, Pa.

#### High School

Seneca Valley

#### Weight Class

149 lbs.

Caleb Wooten  
Staff Writer

Dylan Chappell '25 put on an exceptional performance this past weekend on his historic run at the 2023 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Championships.

Chappell finished second place after entering as the No. 5 seed and secured an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships in Tulsa, Okla.

At 149 pounds, Chappell pulled off multiple gritty, key wins to reach the championship. Chappell beat No. 12 seed Bryce Kresho from Franklin & Marshall in the round of 16, and then shortly after bested No. 4 seed Trae McDaniel of Army in the quarterfinals in an 8-6 victory.

Chappell had the biggest win of his career on Sunday morning with his upset victory over Penn's Doug Zapf, currently ranked 12th in the country. He won by an 8-4 decision in the semifinal round.

"Since moving up from 141 pounds, I've been able to get stronger and use that to my advantage which helped," Chappell said. "The matches and practices leading up to this weekend definitely helped me, as I have been able to really hone in and fix my weaknesses leading up to the tournament. I wasn't nervous at championships, I was just having fun. I knew that anything could happen and went into the matches knowing that and was able to get some really

good results, but the job isn't finished yet."

The job is indeed not finished, as Chappell has two weeks to prepare for NCAA championships. Chappell has been diligent with the work he has put in already, as he has shifted weight classes multiple times in his career. He has found great success due to his diligence. He's now 25-9 this season, 9-3 since bumping up a weight class, and has a 45-15 career record at Bucknell.

"Two weeks is a long time, so I can really go hard in practice and the weight room and have enough time to recover," Chappell said. "I just want to feel good and strong heading into the tournament. I want to be in shape feeling ready to knock some other guys off."

Dylan Chappell will wrestle next at NCAA Championships at the BOK Center in Tulsa, Okla. from March 16-18.

### Career Stats

- three-time  
WPIAL champion  
- posted a 20-6  
record with six pins  
- showing at 61kg,  
U20 Freestyle division @ U.S. Open  
Championships

## Wrestling prevails in Philly

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The Bison wrestling team traveled to Philadelphia, Pa. last weekend to compete in the EIWA Championships at The Palestra.

Dylan Chappell '25 made it to the semifinals where he finished as runner-up at 149 pounds and qualified for the NCAA Championships, while five of his teammates also finished as place winners at the conclusion of the event.

Nick Delp '24 (157) placed fifth, Darren Miller '23 (141) placed sixth, Dorian Crosby '24 (285) placed sixth and Kurt Phipps '24 (133) placed seventh.

Crosby joined Chappell as an NCAA qualifier after beating Army's Austin Kohlhofer 3-1 in a victory in the consolation quarterfinals. Bucknell finished in ninth place with 54 points.

Chappell has had a long journey to qualify for the NCAA Championships. In the middle of the season, he went up a weight class making him the first wrestler to reach 149-pound finals in over 10 years. He was able to upset Penn Saturday morning in the semifinals with an 8-4 decision. From here, he was the first Bison to punch his ticket to the NCAA Championships.

Bucknell's qualifiers will next compete at the NCAA Championships scheduled for March 16-18 at the BOK Center in Tulsa, Okla.

The NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee will announce the at-large qualifiers on March 7. The NCAA brackets and seeding will be unveiled the following day.



# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### NFL Free Agency Signings Begin

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Despite the NFL football season just recently ending, teams are now beginning to start their prep for the 2023-2024 season. The 2023 NFL free agency officially starts on March 15. Since this deadline rapidly approaches, there have been some significant signings within the past week, and rumors of trades that could change the dynamics of entire teams.

A notable signing comes from the Giants commitment to Daniel Jones. Jones reportedly signed with the New York Giants for another four years, earning \$160 million with another \$82 million guaranteed. This may not be that shocking of a signing, given the quarterback's relative success this year. After seven years of not making the

playoffs, Jones led his team to their first playoff match since 2016. It was also Jones' best season, completing 67 percent of his passes and scoring 15 touchdowns in 16 games with only five interceptions.

The signing of Jones allowed the Giants to put the franchise tag on star running back Saquon Barkley. A franchise tag allows NFL teams to select one player to be set as a free agent but guarantees another year under their contract. Reportedly, Barkley does not want to play on the tag and negotiations are continuing. But the signing of Jones also allows the Giants to be able to focus on some potentially better options in the 2023 NFL Draft. They have the 25 overall pick, and perhaps now

can find some stronger players to stand alongside Jones.

Another significant signing was the New Orleans Saints addition of quarterback Derek Carr. Carr played for the Las Vegas Raiders the year prior, and was initially drafted in 2014 when Saints head coach Dennis Allen was with the Raiders. The two are now brought back together after Carr had a decent season with the Raiders. Carr could potentially put New Orleans back on the map of the NFC South after a few struggling years following the retirement of Drew Brees. Carr was signed for four years, for \$150 million with \$60 million guaranteed.

Carr is a pretty good pick for New Orleans, considering their

position in the NFC South as well as Carr's familiarity with head coach Allen. He is a good performer, placing between 10th and 14th in the QBR each of the past four seasons. Signing Carr now also gives the Saints a leg up in the NFL draft in April, where they now have the first-round draft pick after trading the rights to former coach Sean Payton to the Denver Broncos.

The third signing goes to Geno Smith, who re-signed with the Seattle Seahawks. It's reported that Smith signed for three years, earning \$105 million, with a \$52 million guarantee. Smith is an easy re-signing for the Seahawks, considering he led his team to a surprising playoff berth and earned the title of Comeback Player of the

Year. He also led in completion percentage and finished fourth in touchdown passes.

This re-signing can significantly alter the 2023 draft, considering rumors of the Seahawks being connected to University of Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson. Having their starting quarterback, Seattle is unlikely to use their number five pick on this position. The Florida quarterback will end up potentially making a splash somewhere else in the league.

For a little over a month, it will be important to keep an eye out for new signings in the league. The 2023 NFL Draft will be on April 27 this year, and more signings are likely to happen up until then.

## Women's Tennis closes the weekend with two victories

Noor Kaur  
Staff Writer

This past weekend, Bucknell Women's Tennis competed against Loyola on Friday and Marist on Sunday, dominating the courts with a 7-0 win against both schools.

The Bison faced their first league opponent this season, Loyola, and with it earned their first league win.

Tyne Miller '24 came back to win the No. 3 singles (5-7, 6-3, 7-5) to clinch the competition, adding to the four straight sets.

Abby Platt '26 also came back, winning 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 at No. 4 singles.

Whitney King '25 and Anna Lajos '25 won their respective matches to boost the Bison. Lajos endured two tiebreakers to earn her victory.

Kate Novak '24 won the No. 5 singles, and Mirra Manolov '26 won the No. 6 singles.

In the double's competition, King and Platt worked together to earn a 6-3 win. Miller and Lajos formed a team to win 6-4.

Moving to Sunday, Bucknell continued on their winning streak against Marist. Lajos won third place in the singles competition with a 6-1, 6-4 score.

Fellow sophomore, King, rose to the top singles position with a 6-0, 6-2 victory.

Platt won the No. 4 singles with a score of 6-1, 6-2, earning her a second week-end undefeated.

Novak and Caroline Marcus '25 also won their singles matches.

King and Platt paired up again to win 6-1. Marcus and Madi Sebelsky '24 won 6-2 over their opponents at No. 3 doubles.

After this weekend, the Bison have won the last seven of their eight matches and sit with their first league win.

"It was an electric weekend playing for Bucknell Women's Tennis after sweeping both Loyola and Marist 7-0," Platt said. "We gave 100 percent in all of our matches and the team showed more passion and spirit than ever. It will be a great segue into our spring break trip to Charleston, as we will be competing in three matches. I'm so proud of how our season has been going, and the team has so much more potential to prove."

The women's tennis team will travel to South Carolina to compete against the College of Charleston, South Carolina State and Charleston Southern over spring break.



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## Men's Lacrosse falls to Marist

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This past weekend the Bucknell Men's Lacrosse team matched up with Marist for their final non-conference game prior to beginning Patriot League play.

The Bison had a strong start to the game. In the first few minutes of play, the Bison put up four goals consecutively by Will Hopkins '23, Dutch Furlong '24 and Michael Meyer '23, giving them a 4-1 goal lead over Marist.

This opening showed promise for the Orange and Blue. Throughout the next 30 minutes, however, the Bison struggled to put any more points back on the board for the rest of the first quarter and the entire second quarter.

The Bison were outscored by Marist with five goals in the first quarter and four goals in the second quarter. Marist had a consecutive eight goal run in the first half after the Bison initially took the lead. The score going into the second half was 4-9.

Marist was able to get a goal off starting the second half, but it was soon rebutted by Chris Begier's '26 first collegiate goal, bringing the momentum back for the Bison.

Cam Doolan '25, Furlong and Jack Dudas '25 were also able to put up goals in this half to even out the score for the Bison.

Bucknell locked down and had a brick-wall defensive unit during the third quarter, with the help of first year goalkeeper Jaz Zanelli '26 who was able to finish with 10 saves, assisting in the comeback.

In the last few remaining minutes of the game, the Red Fox

goalkeeper had two essential game-changing saves that did not benefit the Orange and Blue. The goalie's saves made it possible for Marist to fire off three quick goals. Marist took the lead at 13-10 with only minutes left in the game.

Hopkins was able to fire off another goal, but was quickly returned by Marist, leaving the final score for the game, 11-14. This was the first time in eight competitions that Marist has beat Bucknell.

Furlong recorded a hat trick and registered an assist for this game, while Dudas also capped his first career hat trick for Bucknell.

The freshman class performed outstandingly for the Bison, as Meyer, Begier and Hopkins had multi-point runs in this game. Bucknell additionally outshot Marist 44-39.

"This is not the way our season was supposed to start and quite frankly, it is unacceptable," Dudas said. "However, I am confident that this early season adversity will help propel us to success come Patriot league play. We can only win one game at a time, so we will have to attack each game like it could be our last."

Bucknell Men's Lacrosse will be competing in their first Patriot League game of the season, facing off against Boston University, at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium Saturday March 11 at 1 p.m.. You can also keep up to date with the live statistics and results of the game on the Bucknell University Athletics Webpage or by tuning in to ESPN+.

## IC4A and ECAC Championships for Women's and Men's Track and Field

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Coming off of great success in the Patriot League Championships, the Women's and Men's Track and Field teams returned to compete in the IC4A and ECAC Championships.

Meghan Quinn '24, after her incredible victories in the Patriot League Championships last weekend, continued her success by setting the Bucknell record in the 200-meter dash. With a time of 24.14, Quinn finished fourth in the preliminaries.

Junior Siobhan O'Sullivan, won the meet in the women's shot put, with a distance of 46-10.25.

Continuing on in the first day, Quinn, Katherine Lowe '25, Jessie Castellano '23 and Bridget Lalonde '23 completed the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:43.00, earning them first in the preliminaries.

Castellano and Lalonde competed in the 400-meter dash. Castellano placed fourth in Bucknell history and 17 in the preliminaries (56.05), and Lalonde finished in front of her with a time of 55.47.

Alison Cooke '26 placed 23 in the preliminaries in the same event, and also grabbed seventh in Bucknell history.

Loew, continuing to make history, placed third in the 500-meter dash with a time of 1:14.65, clinching the fourth spot in Bucknell record books.

Hailey Tabar '24, Lauren Shaffer '26, Meredith Haberfield '23 and Eva Lindner '24 finished the 4x800-Meter Relay in 9:19.23, ranking eighth and qualifying for the finals.

Olivia Boyce '24 and Abby Kates '24 jumped a 5-03.00 in the High Jump, pushing the Bison on for more triumph.

Ending the day off, Senior Kate Amaddio finished ninth in the 5000-Meter Run (17:31.59).

Starting the next day off strong for the Bison Women, Quinn broke the Bucknell record again in the 200-Meter Dash Mark with a time of 24.03, placing fifth overall and beating the old time by 0.34 seconds.

Lalonde followed Quinn's success with her run in the 400-Meter Dash. Lalonde, with a time of 54.75, placed third overall and now holds first in the Bucknell record books.

Loew, running off of some steam from yesterday, finished third in the 500-Meter Dash (1:14.24) and third all-time in Bucknell history for the event.

Quinn, Lalonde, Loew and Castellano finished second in the 4x400-Meter Relay, breaking the Bucknell record by 2.12 seconds.

Cooke, Caryn Rippey '26, Anna Posh '25 and Ally Clarke '24 clinched fourth place in the Distance Medley Relay with a time of 11:45.51, inserting them into the Bucknell record books in seventh place.

Tabar, Haberfield, Lindner and Mariana Engleby '24 also claimed fourth place in the 4x800-Meter Relay (9:06.80).

Overall, the Bison women had a phenomenal weekend at the ECAC Championships. Many individuals had outstanding performances, making their names known in Bucknell's history. These women finished third, with 44.5 points, out of 43 teams present.

The Bucknell Men competed at a high level at the IC4A Championships.

Zachary Jelinek '26, ending his great season on a high, finished seventh in the preliminaries of the 800-Meter Run (1:51.41). This performance also landed Jelinek in the fifth spot in the Bucknell record book.

Tristan An '25 ended the day off for the men with a jump of 6-03.25 in the High Jump, finishing in eleventh.

The next day, Jelinek placed eighth in the 800-Meter Run with a time of 1:53.75, earning a point for the Bison.

Christian Cadmus '24, Rayven Sample '24, Alex Simpson '24 and Samuel Whittaker '23, in the Distance Medley Relay, placed fourth with a time of 9:53.2. They accomplished this while also taking the third place spot in Bucknell history for their event.

Franco Perinotti '23, persistently showing his skills through his success, cleared 15-01.00 in Pole Vault. This led Perinotti to finish in seventh place, earning the Bison one-and-a-half points.

Jelinek, Cadmus, Sample, Simpson, Whittaker and Perinotti, earned All-East honors due to their incredible performances.

Lastly, Wade Shomper '26 finished tenth in the Shot Put with a toss of 50-09.25.

The Bison men performed very well in a very competitive environment, earning multiple top-10 placements and All-East honors. We are excited to see how they grow and compete in the season to come.

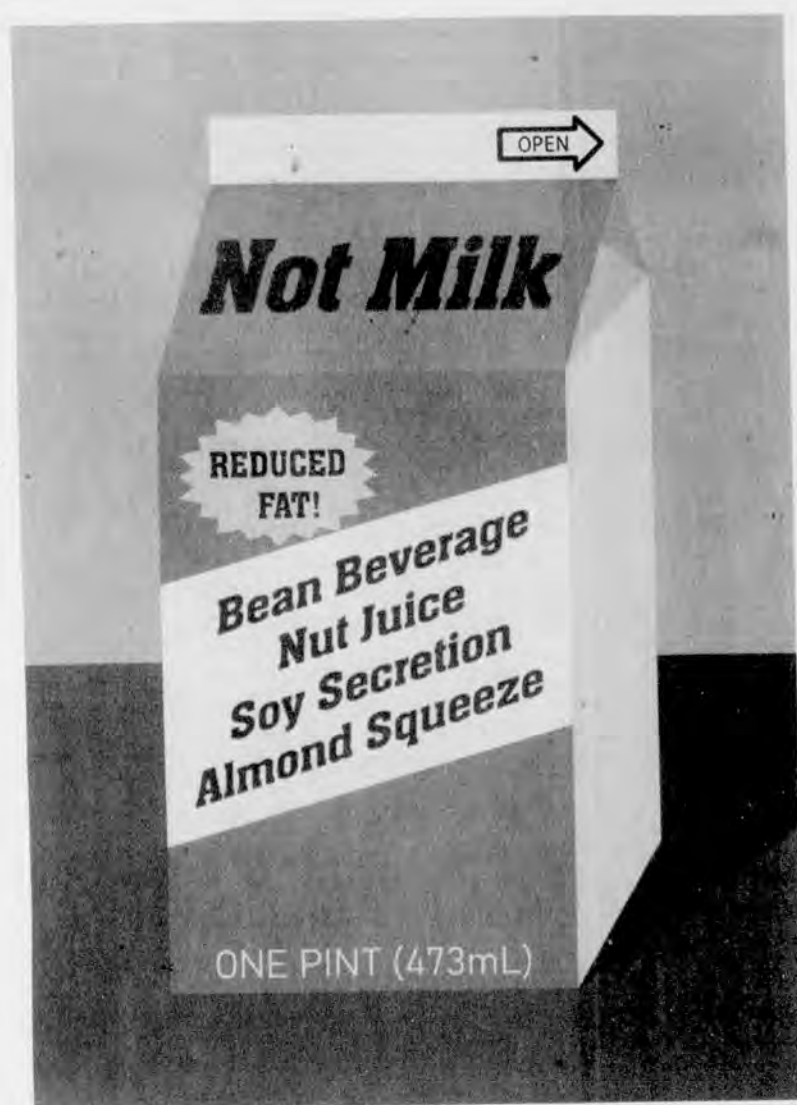
Both the Bison women and men had outstanding performances at the ECAC and IC4A Championships. Up next, we will see these teams in the outdoor season.



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# Got milk? Are you sure?

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A plague has risen across America. We live in a world where any viscous white liquid can be labeled as milk. How did this happen?

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, milk is a "whitish fluid, rich in fat and protein, secreted by the mammary glands of female mammals (including humans) for the nourishment of their young, and taken from cows, sheep, etc., as an article of the human diet." So how then can companies like Almond Breeze and Silk label their nut juices as milk?

Many rightfully point out that there is a need for an environmentally friendly milk alternative, however, this cannot be found in almond milk. Multiple studies have found that almond milk has a horrible impact on the environment, including harming the bee population by requiring huge amounts of bees to pollinate these artificial 'almond forests,' putting the bee population at risk.

Almond farming also requires large amounts of water, amounting to 1.1 gallons per almond. Then considering there are approximately 384 almonds used to produce a standard half-gallon carton of almond 'milk,' your dairy alternative requires almost 423 gallons of water each time you go to the store. While dairy milk certainly has its toll on the environment, almond milk is not the environmental savior it is said to be.

Another argument that is often made on behalf of the need for non-dairy 'milks' is the fact that many people cannot consume dairy products. The response to

that is simple, why do you feel the need for what you're consuming to be called milk? This is no more ridiculous than the plant-based meat alternatives insisting on having names akin to well known meat dishes, something which seems completely unfounded. While there is a clear need for both alternatives, why must they take the name of the original? Shouldn't it be made more clear that they are substitutes or alternatives, not equals?

When SUNNYD and Yoo-hoo, everyone's favorite "orange flavored citrus punch" and "chocolate-flavored beverage" are rightfully blocked from being called orange juice and chocolate milk, how then can soy and almond milk be given the name of milk? They hold just as much relation to natural milk as the aforementioned do to their natural counterpart. Where is the consistency? There are naming laws for a reason, and it seems that almond and soy 'milks' have been able to skirt them for too long. Even according to the experts, "An almond doesn't lactate, I will confess," said Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, at a Politico summit.

You may still be of the opinion that though unfortunate, this confusion in terminology is benign, however, the differentiation between these two products can still present issues. Dairy products have been a staple of the standard American diet for decades now, and when consumers think of milk, the term carries various connotations of a specific

nutritional profile and taste. How then can it be deemed fair that alternative products can capitalize on standardized dairy terms in order to take advantage of the brand we associate with milk?

Alternative 'milks' may appear as to have learned their lesson, listing their products as "almond-milk" or "soymilk." While this may be enough to dodge future lawsuits and regulations, it is not enough to stop the ideas in people's heads. The fact of the matter is that no matter how the word is stylized, the people still think milk. At this point it should be easy to see why this consumer confusion is not only a problem, but one that hinges on the use of a word, which could easily be solved.

With all of the arguments being made above, it should not be hard to see why almond and soy 'milk' should not have claim to the word, but we also shouldn't have to say any of them. When it comes down to it, our argument could have ended with our first paragraph, when we presented the definition of milk. This definition simply does not fit almond and soy products. At its very basis, soy and almond milk shouldn't be called milk, simply because they aren't milk.

We leave you with some alternatives we think are more fitting:

- Bean beverage
- Nut juice
- Soy secretion
- Semisolid Coconut Dilution
- Milk flavored almond squeeze

# The Reality of Being Sick at College

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According to Dr. Elaine Luo and Kimberly Holland of "Healthline," the reason you're always sick is probably due to "a vitamin deficiency, dehydration, problems with your immune system, or inadequate hygiene, among other possibilities." Helpful, I know. This is the answer you're met with when desperately surveying Google for the answer to your persistent illness that never seems to let go. After a certain number of months sniffing and concerning your teachers with a gnarly cough, you typically tend to accept it. I know I did.

Bucknell students know all too well about the consistent sickness that causes the Student Health waiting room to fill at 10 o'clock in the morning. Some call it the plague, some the frat flu and some have identified their sickness with a proper diagnosis — until it comes back two weeks later, the random steroids and antibiotics thrown at you by the nurses and doctors not cutting it. I've heard too many friends say that Bucknell just makes them sick. Ever since they got here, they have been struck with some random, unnamed virus that has to "run its course", but ends up running them into nothingness by the end of each semester. All these patients, and still no answer.

It's not uncommon for college students to become sick much more frequently than the rest of the population, as we live in a cesspool of germs hosted by parties, hookup culture, and the passing around of vapes in every color. According to Angela Haupt of US News, "Indeed, bugs like upper-respiratory infections, colds and, on the more serious side, mononucleosis and meningitis, tend to flourish on college campuses."

Haupt chalks this up to close proximity and the lack of ability to prevent it. And while all of this is true, the burden is real, and the consequences are worrisome.

While some students are accepting of the occasional sniffle and dry cough, others become bed-ridden and are forced to miss class; even though teachers reassure you of a flexible absence policy for sickness, especially after COVID-19, it can't sustain the numerous times you are actually under the weather. So, you suck it up and go to class, accepting the glares that accompany a cough in the world that has fallen victim to a pandemic, a pandemic that is another reason your immune system is suffering. After almost two years of quarantining and a lack of social interaction, our bodies lost the immunity we built up as children crawling on floors and blowing our noses in our hands.

All of this is to say, there are a million different factors working together to break us; as college students, prevention and treatment are the last things on our minds. Vitamin prices are overwhelmed by the cost of textbooks and gas, and Student Health trips become futile, encouraging antibiotic resistance. I experienced this myself last year, as revealed to me by an ENT in New York City after incessant rounds of antibiotic treatment from Student Health. Overall, the ability to stay healthy here is combated with the lack of sufficient resources, like a good hospital and the prevention of black mold in dorms. Bucknell needs to strengthen its strategies to fight the constant illness epidemic here on campus, and hopefully then we can go to class without a struggle.



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MATURE CONTENT



## Student Loan Relief Plan Faces Backlash in the Supreme Court

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Opinions Editor

A key facet of Biden's campaign was a promise to provide student loan relief. As Biden tries to make good on his commitments, his \$400 billion student loan forgiveness plan has been the cause of much tension between political parties in recent weeks. This plan has the potential to alleviate up to \$20,000 in student loans for around 40 million borrowers, reports Forbes. But its challengers consider whether Biden is abusing his power by trying to implement his plan without receiving approval from Congress. Will the current student loan cases result in economic relief for millions of borrowers? What does the plan and its opposition say about our current education and court systems?

Borrower Lindsay Clausen feels like a rug has been swept from under her feet, reports CNN, as she was one of the 26 million people who applied for Biden's relief program before it was blocked in November 2022.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that workers in a 2021 survey with higher degrees had higher earnings and lower unemployment rates than workers without a degree. Earning a degree is not the only marker for success, but as these statistics show, it is one key factor. It is not equitable for some to be barred from education on the sole basis of its cost, especially considering what else is at stake.

Yes, relief is integral for those who have already borrowed money for school, but it is not attacking the problem at its root. The true problem is that students

have to pay an exorbitant price for their education and their future. It is integral that policy-makers analyze other nations who have been able to implement more affordable paths to a degree. I am not suggesting that there is some magical solution that will make undergraduate or graduate programs free without impacting other facets of our economic lives, but as these current student loan cases continue and potentially come to an end, we should not let the topic of the cost of education be forgotten.

CNN anticipates a decision by the Supreme Court by June or July. At the heart of these cases are conservative justices who stand in opposition, partly because they believe the president is abusing his executive power by trying to circumnavigate congressional procedures in the enactment of this plan. As we wait, we should consider whether something is only an abuse of power if the abuse isn't in accordance with one's political alignment. Or, do we have a civic responsibility to ensure a check on the balance of powers, regardless of whether the outcome will serve us?

The Washington Post explains the same challengers did not take action when Republican presidents developed and executed programs in the past without a congressional rubber stamp. While challengers are correct to consider how this case might jeopardize the balance of powers that our government structure is built upon, it is important to consider the judicial system's intentions and watch to see whether their stance remains as strong when

right-leaning initiatives attempt to avoid Congress under future administrations. The Washington Post notes how opposition from Republican politicians throughout this fight could create space for Democrats to call out an abuse of power, if it should occur in future Republican administrations.

According to Forbes, there is no backup plan from the Biden administration if this plan is not implemented. As these cases progress, the administration should begin to consider other options. Is there a way to aid in loan forgiveness that includes going through Congress? Regardless of the outcome of this plan, there will still be people who are in need of relief from the economic burdens of education. And without plans like this, or changes to costs of education in the U.S., these burdens aren't lessening in the near future. The Education Department is aware of this fact, and has remained in constant communication with millions of borrowers, acknowledging that burdens have been exacerbated by the recent economic downturn.

Even if you have paid off your student loans, or you did not have to borrow money for a higher education, you should still care about the Supreme Court's decision. In a nation where education is so closely linked to opportunity, student loan relief could transform the lives of those who have been limited by their debt. It may also encourage younger generations of students to see a space for themselves in higher degree programs that they felt was financially out of reach before.

## Digital cameras, a time capsule dug up

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Opinions Editor

One of the first social media platforms to come about was Six Degrees, which was created in 1997 with the primary goal of connecting its users. People could upload a profile photo and chat with others on a platform set out to create a network that defied space and time.

Somewhere along the way, we reprioritized. Taking photos for social media has become more about showing ourselves off rather than connecting with others. New apps arose that allowed us to edit certain aspects of ourselves and surroundings to portray a specific curated version of ourselves. We have become consumed by Facetune, AirBrush and caption generators. I've seen this in myself and my friends. The fun has been stripped out of social media. We have slowly become marketers of ourselves who seek engagement and validation rather than connection.

My description of the stress associated with posting on social media might seem exaggerated to some. But I assure you that people care an extreme amount about their online image. The process of sharing photos has evolved in a way that has forgotten social media's initial goal of developing relationships online.

We've ruined it. But, it is not beyond repair. The reemergence of digital and disposable cameras shows a wave of people who want to get back to the way things were.

I think that this is a step in the right direction because it shows a desire to step back from the well-oiled machine that we have created for posting pictures to social media.

There is something to be said about taking pictures on the same camera during my senior year of college that still has photos on it of me opening presents on my eleventh birthday. The digital camera is a time capsule that provides a sense of nostalgia that I did not realize was needed.

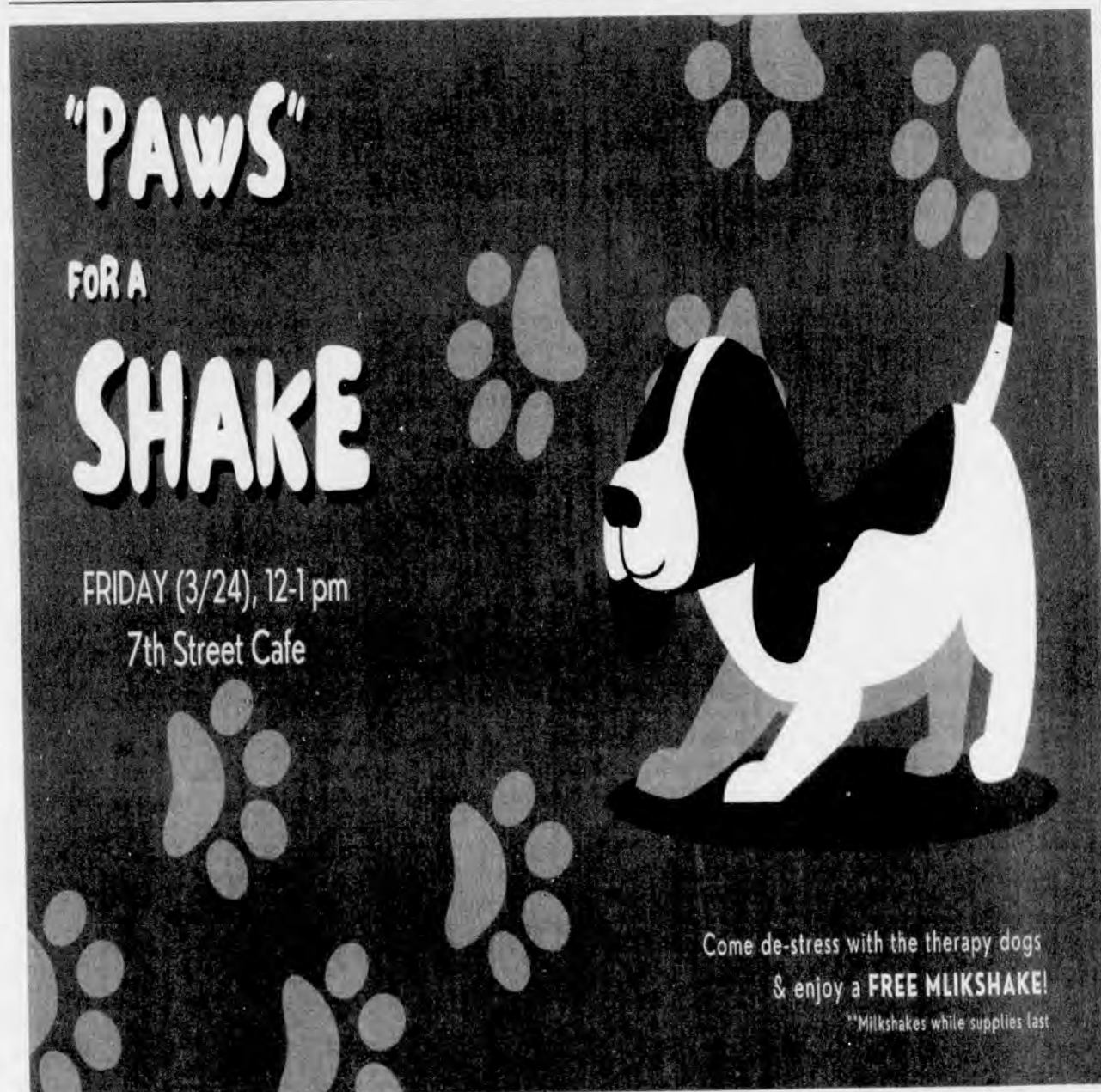
This comeback may have to do with people in their early 20s clinging on to parts of their childhood as they maneuver adulthood. BBC theorizes a "natural

cycle" of this age group feeling a sense of nostalgia and trying to get back to the best parts of their youth. The reemergence of digital and disposable cameras seems to be the outcome of our nostalgia, our last efforts to stay young forever.

Digital cameras also physically separate the photo-taking from the phone by putting them on different devices. Moreover, when you take a photo on your digital or disposable camera, you have to upload it somehow to your laptop or phone. With your phone's camera on the other hand, the photo will appear immediately and can be uploaded to most apps in a matter of seconds. Adding another step between taking photos and uploading them to social media removes a layer of stress. Instead of thinking about adding a picture to one's Instagram Story, they can be a little more in the now.

25 year old Katie Glasgow tells BBC, "it looks like memories, because it's blurry and imperfect. It looks more like how we remember things." I agree with Katie that the quality of digital cameras is vastly different from the ones we usually use on our phones. Over the past decade, the quality of phone cameras has advanced dramatically. The quality has gotten so good that some television shows are even filmed on them, and I cannot tell the difference between the phone camera on one show and a video camera on another.

But is increasing quality actually better for us? For photographers and filmmakers alike, I would say yes. But for the average college student who wants to capture memories, quality is not that important. In some cases, it has even acted as a detriment where increasing quality shows imperfections that people would rather not post online. So if digital cameras do not pick up on every little detail, it might foster more authenticity because people might be less inclined to edit their photos. What matters most is capturing memories, as Katie explains, and digital cameras seem to do just that while taking away some of the stress we have built up around social media.



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# Women's History Month at Bucknell

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Wednesday March 1, 2023, marked the beginning of this year's Women's History Month. Bucknell has designated various events and forms of appreciation to celebrate and recognize the achievements of women in the United States and Bucknell history.

Bucknell's Office of Diversity, and Inclusion worked in collaboration with the Women's Resource Center to put together the opportunities for students during Women's History Month and International Women Month.

With the goal of working towards menstruation equity the office has organized a Menstruation Product Drive for the entire month. The drive is accepting donations of new and unopened pads, tampons or period underwear. Donations can be brought to the Women's Resource Center in the Elaine Langone Center room 063. All donations will be made to a menstrual equity organization in Philadelphia No More Secrets.

On March 2, 9, 16 and 23 the office put together Ukrainian Folk Dance Workshops. The opportunity to learn this traditional form of dance and celebrate Ukrainian culture welcomes individuals of all skill levels. The workshops are taught by dance teacher Larisa Sheremeta who is a Ukrainian dancer herself. Participants in the workshops will also have the opportunity to perform on March 29 at the International Women's Month Celebration. Lessons take place at noon in Gerhard Fieldhouse 236 and admission for students to the workshop is free.

This past Wednesday on March 8, Bucknell hosted the performer and spoken word poet Denise Frohman. She put on her performance at Uptown free of charge for students and staff. According to the Office of Diversity, and Inclusion "...her work explores the complexities of language, lineage, queerness, and the colonial relationship between the United States and Puerto Rico."

Before her performance, Bucknell student Ricky Rodriguez '23 opened the show.

For the Women's Resource Center's "Women of Color Wednesday" on March 8, Frohman also facilitated a poetry writing workshop for women of color. The workshop centered around learning to use poetry as a tool to enact social change.

Students can register for the LeadHERship Conference on Saturday March 11 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hosted on campus by MACUHO the day will feature a speaker, professional development opportunities and wellness options. Registration for the conference is open to anyone. Students can pay \$30 for registration and the fee for professionals is \$60.

During women's history month this year the Bucknell Athletics Title IX Committee is coming together to celebrate their 50 years of Title IX. The department has invited women varsity athletes to a networking event and panel discussion. Working with women from the Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame students have the chance to speak with former members of the Women's Track and Field Team, the Soccer Team, and a former head coach. Women varsity athletes are able to attend both events on March 24. The Networking Event takes place in the Terrace Room of the Elaine Langone Center at 5 p.m. and the Panel Discussion is taking place in Trout Auditorium at 7 p.m.

## Notable Bucknell Women Alumni

Barbara F. Walter graduated from Bucknell as a double major in Political Science and German in 1986. She went on to study at The University of Chicago, Harvard University, and Columbia University. Walter is currently a professor at the University of California San Diego. She is a political scientist who is the author of a New York Times bestselling novel "How Civil Wars Start (and How to Stop Them)". Walter is set to speak at Bucknell on April 4 as a part of the Bucknell Forum.

In 1983 Jane T. Elfers graduated from Bucknell. During her career she went on to become the chief executive of Lord & Taylor department store and is currently the CEO and the president of The Children's Place clothing store. Elfers is a member of the Bucknell Board of Trustees.

Jessica Jackley graduated from Bucknell in 2000 as a Philosophy and Political science double major. She went on to study and earn her masters in business at Stanford University. During her career Jackley was the co-founder and chief marketing officer of Kiva.org—a micro lending website. After Kiva she was the co-founder and CEO of Pro-Founder. Jackley has also taught at both Stanford University and University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business.

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Sincerely,

Queer and Trans Student Leaders

## Bucknell University progresses towards a more sustainable campus

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Bucknell University began drafting their sustainability plan in 2017, with one of its largest goals being achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. In the upcoming years, there are various initiatives the university will be enacting in order to reach this end goal. Working closely with the Bucknell Farm, dining facilities and the Office of Campus Sustainability, the campus has been able to begin making this progress.

The 2022-23 University Report lists five of their largest initiatives from this academic year: an on-campus solar array, a new natural pathway, partnerships with the Bucknell Farm, hyper-local dining and Holmes Hall achieving LEED Gold certification.

In March of the previous academic year, the new management and arts building Holmes Hall was awarded for its planet-friendly design. Some of its features include enhanced ventilation, water-conserving bathroom facilities and outdoor rain gardens and bioswales. Holmes Hall is the seventh building on Bucknell's campus to be awarded the LEED Gold Award.

Bucknell celebrated the completion of the 1.76 peak megawatt solar array on Oct 2, 2022. The array now supplies seven percent of campus electricity. The panels also offer accessibility to hands-on and visual learning centered around solar energy.

"I think the progress towards solar power is really important," Isabelle Levesque-Du Bose '23, a renewable energy scholar, said. "To utilize more solar

energy on campus, I think that we have to put aesthetics aside and avoid keeping solar panels isolated, and instead advance towards having them on roofs of academic buildings."

In the summer preceding the 2022-23 school year, construction began on Bucknell Greenway, a 4-mile multi-use pathway along the perimeter of the campus. This path helps to connect the separation of campus caused by Route 15, and borders locations such as the Grove, the farm and Christy Mathewson stadium. The construction was completed in the fall semester of this year.

"Part of this initiative is about raising our awareness of the natural landscape around us and the ways Bucknell is contributing to sustainability," Technology Desk Manager Bud Hiller is quoted in the university website. "So there's the

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Bucknell University's Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) will be hosting a Drag Ball on Saturday April 1, beginning at 8 p.m. in Uptown.

This event hosts a number of local drag queens, as well as members of the Bucknell community such as student and faculty performers. All the professional drag performers come from the State Queens, a group from the State College area. Alizee LaCreame, Dallas, Alonya Chest and Sarabesque, are all returning performers from last year's ball. This year, the ball is also welcoming Ariana Autumn, a new performer.

Bucknell University is a Greek life-central school, making the social scene mainly dominated by parties thrown by fraternities and sororities. Drag Ball helps to give students an energy-filled party separate from this traditional culture, and instead creates a social space for allies and members of the LGBTQ+ to meet each other and feel safe doing something they love.

At last year's Drag Ball, GSA gave attendees a chance to participate in traditional Drag Ball culture by throwing custom paper dollars at performers. These were available for purchase, in which the money would go towards a LGBTQ+ centered charity or organization. The event allows anyone in the audience to participate as much as they desire, with plenty of standing room and drag queen or king interaction.

This year, students are encouraged to bring real dollar bills, but GSA is still offering a chance to donate. At each event, there has been a jar to collect money to be donated to the Transgender Law Center, in light of recent legislative changes in America.

"Drag is an art form, one that comes from LGBTQ+ culture and history, but just like any other art form, and especially those that come from underrepresented

groups, it is important to allow for its expression and use it as a tool of education," Iona Pitkin '25, GSA Vice President and incoming President, said. "Many people on campus have never been to a drag show, so this event allows for an introduction to a new culture."

"Additionally, currently throughout the country, many anti-drag bills are being presented and passed," Pitkin continued. "Many are trying to frame drag as predatory and indecent, and making the case that exposing children to drag is going to 'corrupt them.'"

"Drag is not inherently sexual — other forms of art (music, poetry, film, etc.) can all be sexual, but they are not always," Pitkin said. "Having this reminder for drag is powerful and needed now that drag artists and gender nonconforming people are being further attacked. Drag Ball is going to be a very fun and energetic event, but it is also an act of resistance toward all the homophobia and transphobia that continues to plague Bucknell and the rest of the world."

Drag Ball is the final event in a string of events part of Bucknell's annual Pride Week, running from March 26 to April 1. To kick off the week on Sunday, the LGBTQ+ affinity Fran's House hosted a potluck where students could bring their own dishes to share with their peers. In coordination with the upcoming annual Trans Visibility Day, GSA hosted a transgender speaker on Monday, March 27 in Walls Lounge of the ELC.

On March 28, GSA encouraged attendees to tap into their creative side with a canvas painting night hosted at the Seventh Street Studio & Makerspace. Following their break from activities on Wednesday, this creativity continued with an art showcase in the ELC Samek Museum on March 30. This specific event was sponsored by one of GSA's breakout groups, Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC). On Friday, the Berelson Center hosted the highly attended annual Pride Shabbat.



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# breaking the bubble

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Staff Writer

## DOMESTIC

Last Monday, a shooting in a private Christian grade school in Nashville, Tenn. killed three children and three teachers. The shooter, 28 year old Audrey Hale, was armed with at least two assault style weapons and a handgun, and was killed by police inside The Covenant School. Police have not identified a motive and do not have evidence that the victims were specifically targeted. They do believe that the location of the shooting was premeditated, as there is evidence written in the manifesto obtained by police at the shooter's residence. Hale legally purchased seven firearms from five different gun stores, three of which were used in the shooting. The victims of the shooting are nine-year-olds Evelyn Dieckhaus, Hallie Scruggs and William Kinney, as well as 61-year-old Cynthia Peak, 60-year-old Katherine Koonce and 61-year-old Mike Hill.

The Biden Administration is set to auction off over 73 million acres of water in the Gulf of Mexico for oil and gas drilling. The size of the plot is more than double that of the Willow Project. The Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management will hold the lease sale on April 5. This move was driven by Sen. Joe Manchin who added it to the Inflation Reduction Act. Environmental groups have filed a lawsuit to stop the lease sale, arguing that the Interior Department's environmental analysis is flawed. George Torgun, the attorney for environmental law group Earthjustice said, "There's nothing in the IRA that required it to be so large...It's going to lock in fossil fuel development in the Gulf for the next 50 years."

## INTERNATIONAL

Two of the European Union's biggest transportation unions conducted a walkout last Monday, March 27 in Germany, and it is regarded as one of the country's most severe demonstrations in decades. The trade union, known as Ver.di, demands a 10.5 percent pay raise to compensate for increasing energy and food costs across the nation. 400,000 workers in this union alone took part in the strike, paralyzing eight major airports including those in Munich, Frankfurt and Hamburg. Ships are also unable to depart from Germany's largest port in Hamburg. While many German employers criticize the strike, the public is more supportive. 55 percent consider the walkouts "rather" or "fully" justified.

39 people were killed and 29 were seriously injured in a fire at a migrant detention facility in the border city of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. The fire started when detained migrants heard of their impending deportation. They lit mattresses on fire in protest and the blaze spread rapidly. Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador stated in a press conference that, "They didn't imagine that it was going to cause this terrible tragedy." Many of the deaths were due to suffocation, and those in critical condition were sent to four nearby hospitals.

## Oscar Wilde put on trial in production of "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde"

Michael Taromina  
Assistant News Editor

The Harvey Powers Theatre will be hosting "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde" by Moisés Kaufman from March 30-April 1.

The students of Dr. Bryan Vandevender's Theatre 265 class, titled "Introduction to Dramaturgy," spent the Fall 2022 semester preparing for this production. The play focuses on the trials of Oscar Wilde after being arrested for soliciting homosexual sex, or "gross indecency" in 1895.

After being awarded the Dalal Creativity and Innovation Grant for Student-Faculty Collaboration, the students of Vandevender's class are being paid to continue their research on Victorian England, Wilde's work as a poet and playwright, the British legal system and audience outreach throughout Gross Indecency's rehearsal process.

During the fall of 2019, in preparation for what would

have been the spring of 2020 production of the musical "Cabaret," eight individuals spent their semester researching the culture of theater within Weimar Germany through independent projects. The production of "Cabaret" never opened due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This year's discussion-based course was composed of only one member of each class year: Paige Gilmartin '26, Nathaniel Samuels '25, Madison Buckley '24 and Zoe Wilson '23.

Throughout the range of experience levels — as performers, stage managers, ushers, etc. — within the Department of Theater and Dance, the students created an electric classroom environment during the semester.

"One of the highlights has been working on the projections which illuminate the screen behind the actors during the play," Wilson said. "As a senior non-theatre major, I am grateful for the opportunity THEA 265 and Bryan have given me to immerse

myself in the department and put my love of the theater to good use."

In the process of production, the students constructed a timeline of events occurring before and after the events of the play and curated an image gallery to bring accuracy and history to life on the stage. Additionally, both were established for design inspiration set to grace the Harvey Powers Theater.

Wilson was also sought out often by the director, Dr. Bryan Vandevender, to join weekly production meetings to answer any questions the designers may have regarding historical accuracy and dramaturgical vision.

"My personal favorite project was a report I wrote about two famous Oscar Wilde lectures, "The English Renaissance of Art" and "The House Beautiful," which was jointly about the content of the speeches and what we can glean from them about the way Wilde saw himself and the world around him," Wilson said.

## SUSTAINABILITY

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option to add features like pollinator gardens to enhance the path even further."

The Bucknell Farm has been an important part of campus since 2018, but the opportunities it can provide continue to evolve each year. Per the 2022-23 University Report, "the Bucknell Farm partnered with more than 50 courses from all three colleges, as well as three Residential Colleges, resulting in nearly 25 percent of Bucknell students having an on-site, hands-on experience at the farm."

To further enhance this, the farm hopes to eventually add an experimental wetland space and an outdoor classroom.

While Bucknell Dining does not presently source food from the farm, dining services have created an even more local source: indoor Babylon Micro-Farms. These compact greenhouse-like structures can be found in the Bison and Bostwick Cafe, growing fresh herbs and vegetables that will find their way to students' plates.

Bucknell has also recently introduced an Environmental Honors Society, Epsilon Eta.

They are currently in a brainstorming stage while working the campus farm and other local farms in order to create access to organic foods at B-Eats. Despite its new presence on campus, the society has already made some accomplishments in promoting sustainability.

"We provide recycled office and school supplies through the Sustainable Office Supply Store run out of the bottom floor of Taylor Hall," Grace English '25, a member of Epsilon Eta, said. "The entirety of our society has opportunities to volunteer there and I myself have spent many hours in the store."

"Epsilon Eta additionally sponsors activities such as trash cleanup around campus and golf ball cleanup on the golf course, as the golf balls often end up in the ditch and impede the water supply," English said. "This initiative is very important because our entire campus is actually on one huge watershed. The fields, golf courses, and new construction near the Mods were once rivers, and that water still exists there. The more building we do, the higher the risk for flooding there is."



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Bucknell University began drafting their sustainability plan in 2017, with one of its largest goals being achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. In the upcoming years, there are various initiatives the university will be enacting in order to reach this end goal. Working closely with the Bucknell Farm, dining facilities and the Office of Campus Sustainability, the campus has been able to begin making this progress.

The 2022-23 University Report lists five of their largest initiatives from this academic year: an on-campus solar array, a new natural pathway, partnerships with the Bucknell Farm, hyper-local dining and Holmes Hall achieving LEED Gold certification.

In March of the previous academic year, the new management and arts building Holmes Hall was awarded for its planet-friendly design. Some of its features include enhanced ventilation, water-conserving bathroom facilities and outdoor rain gardens and bioswales. Holmes Hall is the seventh building on Bucknell's campus to be awarded the LEED Gold Award.

Bucknell celebrated the completion of the 1.76 peak megawatt solar array on Oct 2, 2022. The array now supplies seven percent of campus electricity. The panels also offer accessibility to hands-on and visual learning centered around solar energy.

"I think the progress towards solar power is really important," Isabelle Levesque-Du Bose '23, a renewable energy scholar, said. "To utilize more solar

energy on campus, I think that we have to put aesthetics aside and avoid keeping solar panels isolated, and instead advance towards having them on roofs of academic buildings."

In the summer preceding the 2022-23 school year, construction began on Bucknell Greenway, a 4-mile multi-use pathway along the perimeter of the campus. This path helps to connect the separation of campus caused by Route 15, and borders locations such as the Grove, the farm and Christy Mathewson stadium. The construction was completed in the fall semester of this year.

"Part of this initiative is about raising our awareness of the natural landscape around us and the ways Bucknell is contributing to sustainability," Technology Desk Manager Bud Hiller is quoted in the university website. "So there's the

## Celebrate Pride Week with Bucknell's Annual Drag Ball

### Kelly Troop

Contributing Writer

Bucknell University's Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) will be hosting a Drag Ball on Saturday April 1, beginning at 8 p.m. in Uptown.

This event hosts a number of local drag queens, as well as members of the Bucknell community such as student and faculty performers. All the professional drag performers come from the State Queens, a group from the State College area. Alizee LaCreame, Dallas, Alonya Chest and Sarabesque, are all returning performers from last year's ball. This year, the ball is also welcoming Ariana Autumn, a new performer.

Bucknell University is a Greek life-central school, making the social scene mainly dominated by parties thrown by fraternities and sororities. Drag Ball helps to give students an energy-filled party separate from this traditional culture, and instead creates a social space for allies and members of the LGBTQ+ to meet each other and feel safe doing something they love.

At last year's Drag Ball, GSA gave attendees a chance to participate in traditional Drag Ball culture by throwing custom paper dollars at performers. These were available for purchase, in which the money would go towards a LGBTQ+ centered charity or organization. The event allows anyone in the audience to participate as much as they desire, with plenty of standing room and drag queen or king interaction.

This year, students are encouraged to bring real dollar bills, but GSA is still offering a chance to donate. At each event, there has been a jar to collect money to be donated to the Transgender Law Center, in light of recent legislative changes in America.

"Drag is an art form, one that comes from LGBTQ+ culture and history, but just like any other art form, and especially those that come from underrepresented

groups, it is important to allow for its expression and use it as a tool of education," Iona Pitkin '25, GSA Vice President and incoming President, said. "Many people on campus have never been to a drag show, so this event allows for an introduction to a new culture."

"Additionally, currently throughout the country, many anti-drag bills are being presented and passed," Pitkin continued. "Many are trying to frame drag as predatory and indecent, and making the case that exposing children to drag is going to 'corrupt them.'"

"Drag is not inherently sexual — other forms of art (music, poetry, film, etc.) can all be sexual, but they are not always," Pitkin said. "Having this reminder for drag is powerful and needed now that drag artists and gender nonconforming people are being further attacked. Drag Ball is going to be a very fun and energetic event, but it is also an act of resistance toward all the homophobia and transphobia that continues to plague Bucknell and the rest of the world."

Drag Ball is the final event in a string of events part of Bucknell's annual Pride Week, running from March 26 to April 1. To kick off the week on Sunday, the LGBTQ+ affinity Fran's House hosted a potluck where students could bring their own dishes to share with their peers. In coordination with the upcoming annual Trans Visibility Day, GSA hosted a transgender speaker on Monday, March 27 in Walls Lounge of the ELC.

On March 28, GSA encouraged attendees to tap into their creative side with a canvas painting night hosted at the Seventh Street Studio & Makerspace. Following their break from activities on Wednesday, this creativity continued with an art showcase in the ELC Samek Museum on March 30. This specific event was sponsored by one of GSA's breakout groups, Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC). On Friday, the Berelson Center hosted the highly attended annual Pride Shabbat.



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## Sociologist talks about nationwide anti-Christian bias

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Sociologist George Yancey of Baylor University addressed his research on anti-Christian bias within the global west as well as tension between it and the "free exercise" tradition of the U.S. Constitution on Tuesday, March 28.

Yancey's talk is part of the "Culture and the Constitution" series hosted by the Bucknell Program for American Leadership, a Bucknell faculty association that is generously sponsored by Bucknell alumni in the Open Discourse Coalition. The Open Discourse Coalition which supports Bucknell values, encouraging "different cultures and diverse perspectives." He was generously introduced by two of Bucknell's faculty members, Paul Siewers and Joe Murray.

Yancey began his talk with a visual cartoon titled, "Is this Christianophobia?" It ignited his overall discussion on the unfair portrayal of Christians in society as unloved and dangerous.

After his cartoon, Yancey referenced various parts of his research, such as his fascination on how fundamentalists are one of the least favored groups in society, touching just above socialists. He also delved deep into the income, gender, educational and political gap towards liking Christians and how the extreme polarization may be a cause of Christianophobia.

Yancey's research demonstrates that Christianophobia tends to be garnered from those who have "cultural power," denoting Christians as those who do not have "cultural power."

Those who are attracted to the arts, come from higher middle class backgrounds and have secular beliefs target Christians and spread bias throughout the majority of the nation.

With that, Yancey stated various studies, including his own research, that went into the harsh realities that Christians

have to face in the workforce. The political and religious bias makes it far more likely for fundamentalists and evangelicals to be dismissed in the hiring process, before they even get an interview.

He then went into the overarching question spawning from these facts: Who is to blame? Yancey stated that the media is largely the scapegoat. With the "unjust" documentation of violence and hate speech towards Christians, and as a result, Christianophobia is spread through televisions and newspapers at a rate faster than ever before.

Yancey then asked the audience the main question of the latter half of the forum: "What do Christians Want?"

A survey indicated that many wanted no change in laws to protect Christian beliefs, to which many said that there should be laws, especially when it comes to homeschooling, more punishment on Christian hate crimes and tax subsidies on churches.

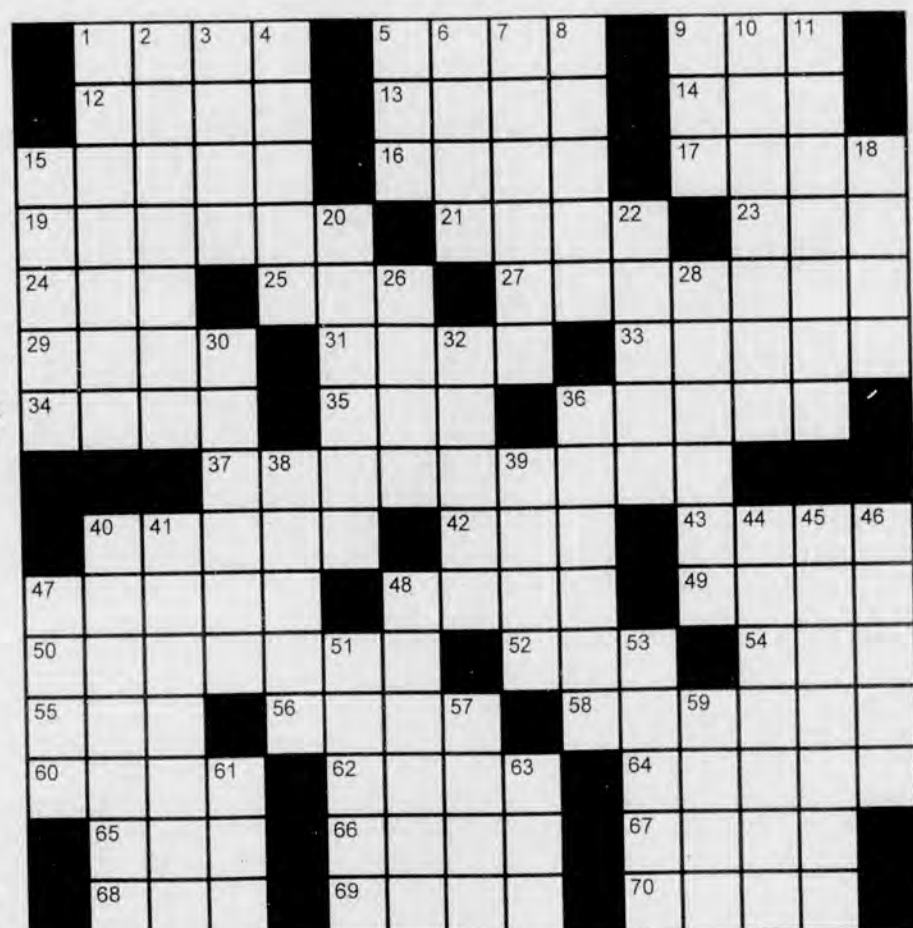
The survey also concluded that Christians should keep their Christianity in their homes and their church and not bring it outside those places in order for a functional society.

Yancey then jumped into another perception regarding this conversation: its legal merit. He explained various religious tests that senators put on bureaucrats, justices and judges and analyzed a plethora of Supreme Court and lower court cases that were extremely important in defining the free exercise of Christianity in the United States today.

To conclude, Yancey partook in a brief Q&A, where he discussed his future research endeavors, political bias and its impact on Christianophobia, how Christian students should act in an environment that might not accept them, the timeline of Christian tolerance and how colleges should bring together those who are primarily faith-based.

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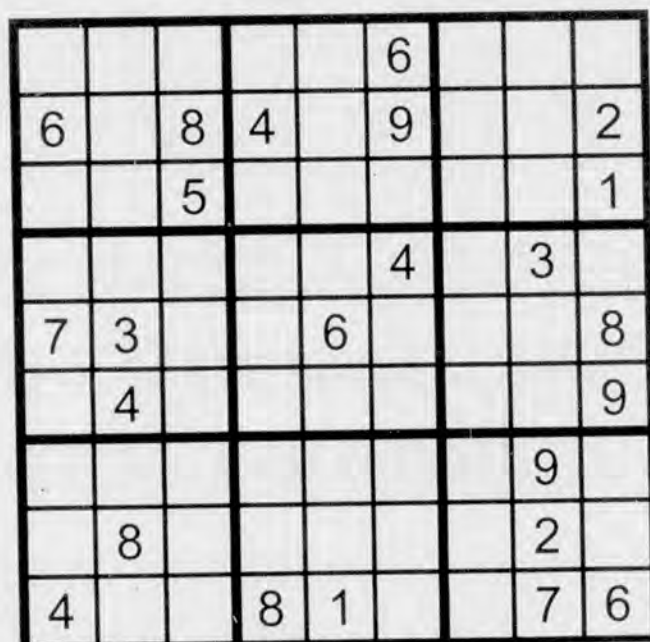
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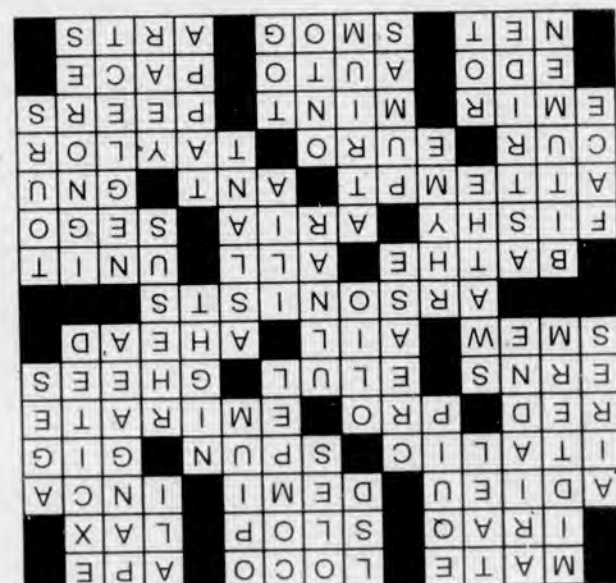
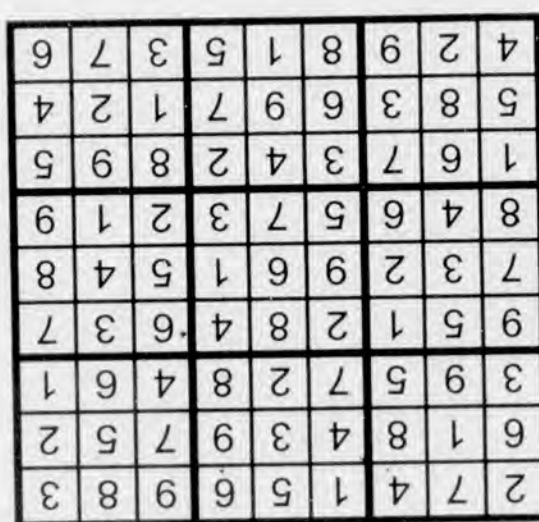
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## Anti-backwards walking law enacted since too many tour guides are getting injured

Abbey Nay  
Contributing Writer

Exciting news came out of BSG this past Wednesday, as Congress voted to pass The Backwards Walking Prevention Act, a law banning the practice of backwards walking on campus. Backwards walking has wreaked havoc on Bucknell's tour guide population. The Act comes in response to the influx of campus tour guide injuries, many of whom advocated for the law. It's that time of year when overly-eager parents drag their uninterested children on a college tour, and between the guides answering questions, being distracted by bored faces of high schoolers and showing campus, it's no wonder Student Health has been inundated with ailing tour guides.

A proponent of The Backwards Walking Prevention Act, tour guide Eiffel Down '25, was the most recent victim of backwards walking. "My whole life flashed before my eyes," Down said. She fell coming out of the ELC because she was preoccupied with explaining meal plans, because a parent couldn't grasp the idea of "unlimited swipes." Down sprained her ankle, but she was able to finish the tour. "I don't know what's more humiliating," she said, "limping the rest of the tour, or being helped up by some random dad in front of a group of frat guys." Down's ankle healed in a week, but she still felt lingering effects, "My ankle's fine, but now whenever people see me, they yell, 'Have

a nice summer, see you next fall!' and a crowd of people wait for me to leave the ELC and every time I step off the ledge, they clap. My new nickname is The Walking Dread. Backwards walking not only causes physical injury, but it hurts one's dignity as well."

The Backwards Walking Prevention Act also commissioned a new division of Public Safety called the Walking Patrol. Walking Patrol officers will be stationed around campus to make sure all guides and students follow the new guidelines implemented by the Act. Lawmakers in BSG toyed around with the idea of having undercover Walking Marshals in every tour, but they are still working out the kinks, because on a trial run a guide started walking backwards out of habit and the Marshal tackled him.

Despite the early setback, many are still hopeful. Ike Antwok '24, another tour guide victim of backwards walking, expressed his excitement for the Act. "I'm so glad we have forward thinking people ready to step up and make changes," Antwok said. He added, "The Act is definitely a step in the right direction."

Those in the Office of Admissions are hopeful as well. They released a statement saying, "We will keep putting one foot in front of the other alongside the Walking Patrol to ensure that moving forward, we keep our tour guides moving forward."

## A heartfelt letter to The Cucknellian

Hayley Leopold  
Satire Co-Editor

To The Cucknellian,  
My name is Hayley Leopold, and I am a first-year Satire Editor for The Bucknellian. You may be wondering why I've taken the time to compose this letter. You see, I first came across The Cucknellian's Instagram account while aimlessly scrolling through my feed a few weeks ago. As someone who despises Bucknell's barely functional laundry machines, I was especially interested in reading your piece entitled "First-Year's Sheets Washed For The First Time Ever After He Takes Them Home To His Parents Over Break." I clicked on the link in your bio to read the article as the caption instructed, but rather than seeing a document including this article, I just got rick rolled.

I now understand that your titles are only posted jokingly, with no physical articles attached to them. This is such a shame! Because you are only writing titles for pieces but then not actually writing them, students are missing out on this hilarious content. I would like to propose a solution that would benefit The Bucknellian and The Cucknellian alike: your writers should join The Bucknellian and write for the satire section! We are always looking for new writers, and your articles would fit perfectly into our section.

In fact, if you take the time to scroll through our section, you'll find that some of your proposed articles are actually quite similar to ones we've already written. One such example includes "President Bravman Discloses True Reason Behind Bucknell Tuition Increase - And It's Not What You'd Think". This title poses striking similarities to our piece entitled "Tuition over 80k? Here's why Bucknell needs the extra cash."

Similarly, your title, "Food Insecurity On Campus? These Tips Will Help!" is along the same lines as an article we released last semester, entitled "Thanksgiving Leftovers Temporarily Solve Food Insecurity."

From these examples, it becomes clear that the Cucknellian and Bucknellian satire writers think alike. If we join forces, we can spread satirical joy across campus greater than any amount that either group could on their own. Many Bucknellian editors already follow your page; we are friends, not foes.

Will you accept my plea? I warmly invite your writers to reach out to me to get started!

Sincerely,  
A satire editor desperate for more writers,  
Hayley Leopold

## Students enroll in new "Branding Yourself" class

Aaron Chin  
Satire Co-Editor

Here at Bucknell, students strive to better themselves; they are especially obsessed with their image and public persona. That's why next semester, Bucknell is offering a new course called "Brand Management: How to Create a Fake Public Persona to Make People Like You."

"Your brand isn't necessarily representative of who you are," Professor Knott Authentic said. "It's just an image that you create to make yourself more attractive."

So, how does the class work? The goal of the course is for students to walk out with a new "brand" for themselves. For example, a student named Jeff created the brand title "Jeff: So Rich That I Own Basically Everything in the World." A student named Ned also created the brand title "Ned: I Love My Partner." However, there are some dangers to creating new brands, because it would be horribly insensitive to brand yourself as loving your partner and then be unfaithful to them.

With the internet and social media ever so pervasive in today's society, it's no wonder that Bucknell students want to rebrand themselves. To illustrate this, here is the story of a student named Kyle:

Kyle lives off campus in a downtown apartment, but his friends all live on campus. Every day, Kyle used to have game time after class with his friends. However, ever since John Bravman and his wife moved into the house next door to him to get away from the press and have some privacy, Kyle has not been able to make game time with his friends.

"They make so much noise so late into the night," Kyle said. "I can't sleep, and so after class, I just immediately go to bed and miss game time. I can't even get homework done."

Fearing that his friends no longer liked him, Kyle decided to enroll in the new Brand Management class, and discovered his brand

"Kyle: Truthful, Honest, Direct." In an effort to honor his brand, Kyle tried to reason with Bravman.

Bravman's desire for privacy was obvious in retrospect, as there have been reports of banners draped across Bravman's house with "WE WANT PRIVACY" printed on them in all caps.

"Yeah, I really should have picked that up," said Kyle.

"I was just so tired of the press showing up to my mansion every day asking me to sign my book called 'I Want Privacy,'" Bravman told us after finishing his worldwide "I Want Privacy" Book Tour. "But I guess I went wrong in branding myself as a private guy and then not living a private life, which is why I also decided to take the new Brand Management class."

And the class has worked out well for Bravman, as he has now emerged with a brand that represents who he truly is: "Bravman: Just Trying My Best."

## Bravman uses Bucknell laundry when his home machine breaks

Tyler Thrutchley  
Contributing Writer

Last week, President Bravman was casually scrolling through YikYak as he does every morning. However, his scrolling was interrupted by an ear-piercing screech that filled the air. The noise was emitted from his washing machine, and the water spraying all over his laundry room reminded him that the machine was broken.

With his hamper in hand, Bravman took advantage of the warm spring morning and embarked on his walk to the Vedder washing machines. "What's the worst that can happen?" Bravman thought. Little did he know, the horrors of first-year laundry would soon force him to eat his words.

Strolling down the halls of Vedder for the first time, it was as if he was walking into the dark depths of a dungeon. Before he even opened the door, Bravman was swept off his feet by the blazing warmth of the laundry room.

The next shock was the horrid smell. He couldn't help but

gag as the putrid scent of burning lint filled his nose.

After stepping over a pair of wet underwear and narrowly avoiding a nasty spill on the tiled floor, Bravman began the search for an open washing machine. With most machines in use, the room sounded like a bustling train station.

Alas, the only open washing machine caught Bravman's eye. He could barely contain his glee.

He poured in the detergent. He swiped his President's ID (even though he has unlimited funds). He selected the "quick wash" setting. Then he waited. And waited. And waited.

But instead of water filling the machine, a blinking yellow light labeled "error" ran across the screen. The machine was broken.

Steam shot out of President Bravman's ears and he stormed out of the room. He didn't even bother to take his clothes out of the washing machine. He arrived back at his house, opened his computer and began furiously typing.

Within minutes, every student across Bucknell received an email from President Bravman. The email outlined a detailed plan to demolish the laundry rooms in every first-year dorm. An entire floor would be added to each dorm, with 30 different washing machines and dryers in each of the 10 laundry rooms per floor.

Surprisingly, President Bravman concluded the email with a promise that the tuition would not increase, although the project would cost over \$10,000,000. Rather, he promised to lower the tuition by \$5,000, to accommodate for all of the painful experiences first-years faced with laundry.

Who knows what kind of other changes can be made to Bucknell if President Bravman were in our shoes for a day? Though this question will forever go unanswered, the laundry incident of March 31, 2023, will certainly go down in Bucknell's history.

## Professors hype themselves up on YikYak to increase fall course enrollment

AJ Lawrence  
Senior Writer

Fun fact: did you know that professors get just as stressed out about course registration as students do? Well of course they do! Student interest and enrollment rates often dictate which courses professors actually teach and which courses are kicked to the curb.

For classes like math, the sciences and business studies, it's easy for professors to get high enrollment rates, especially with the structured course paths. But for the humanities, arts and social sciences, the enrollment rates tend to lower the higher level a course is. If professors want to ensure that the courses they want to teach will go on, the clear answer is to get more students to sign up. And as we get closer to registration day, the increasing amounts of flyers, emails and speeches in classes advertising different courses were only the beginning of the professors' plans.

Most professors stick to these methods, the tried and true ads that get some students' attention, but others are trying their hands at more modern schemes. Across

campus, professors are picking up their phones and hyping up their available courses on YikYak's anonymous forums. Knowing it's the place where students spread information about upcoming events and share hot goss, professors have taken to the platform in hopes of drumming up word about their courses.

From groups of professors working together to post yaks and then commenting on each other's posts to individual professors making multiple accounts, there are many ways professors utilize the app. Many of the posts are standard hype messages like "OMG I just love CSCI 204, the prof is soooooo funny!!" or "gosh, I wish I could take GRMN 102 again :(" attempting to appeal to the students' interest with current lingo and emojis.

However, some professors have chosen the more direct route of copying and pasting their entire course description from the catalog and posting it directly to the main forums. The most popular, with one upvote, read: 15333 ENCW 101 Creative Writing

WF 8:30-9:50 AM COLE 056, come learn to write.

It had seemed like a fool proof plan to the professors, infiltrating a platform the students were familiar with to bombard them with more class options. But the professors underestimated the student body's tolerance for information they couldn't care less about, and were shocked to see their yaks get continuously downvoted and ignored. Students even started to post their own yaks about how bizarre and annoying the situation was, some going as far as to post reviews of some of the classes being advertised, exposing how bad the course can be.

Warnings like "don't take physics, it will CRUSH your soul," and "my econ prof was the worst ikkyk," started to drown out the professors' posts. Amidst the less than stellar reactions, professors have continued their campaigns as well as they can, but there are rumors floating around about them spreading to other sites like TikTok, Twitter and Reddit in hopes of achieving better results.



# DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM TO CENTER ON BELONGING

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The Annual Bucknell University Diversity Symposium will start at 8:15 a.m. and will continue until 5:30 p.m. in the evening this Friday, March 31.

Associate Dean of Students Denelle Brown, said in an email that the symposium's theme allows for "broadening and deepening our campus community's capacity for excellence and inclusion; enriching and engaged learning across all areas of the University; highlighting the expertise and valuing the lived experiences of Bucknell students, staff and faculty."

The central theme for this year's symposium is "Belonging at Bucknell: Who we are and who we would like to be."

The schedule is as follows:

## 8:15 – 8:52 a.m.: An Inclusion Audit Process with breakfast – Presentation, ELC Walls Lounge.

The Student Learning Support (SLS) team began their audit research process in January 2021. They will be sharing their progress thus far in the audit process as they have reviewed Bucknell systems and culture. Laura Lanwermyer, associate director of SLS, and Katie Daly, the Assistant Director of SLS will be presenting these findings.

## 9:00 – 9:52 a.m.: Exploring the Sense of Belonging through Scholarship – Organized Panel Presentation, ELC Center Room by Gulay Guzel, Melissa Intindola, Karen McGrath and Kate Suslava.

Gulay Guzel will explain the power bystanders have to stand against inequity. Melissa Intindola will speak on how employers can make workplaces more inclusive through HR and how it can be applied to Bucknell. Karen McGrath will discuss how finance subjects can be made less intimidating to inexperienced students.

## 10:00 – 10:52 a.m.: Griot: Telling the Story of Black Bucknell – Organized Panel Presentation, ELC Walls Lounge by Jerra Holdip '23 and Ninah Jackson '25,

who are student interns for the Griot Institute for the Study of Black Lives and Culture. The Griot Institute has been conducting research on the Black student experience at Bucknell, as well as interviewing black students and faculty over the past several years. They will be presenting their findings and revealing what role students can play.

## 11:00 – 11:52 a.m.: How to Help People of Faiths Belong Better at Bucknell: Secular Privilege at a Secular University – ELC Center Room by Paul Siewers, Kelsi Buckley, Sid Jamieson, Manning Matus '21 and Quintina Smith '23.

Aiming to bring attention to the occurrences of the Bucknell community erasing religious identities, and referring to differences as political, their discussion is quoted as having the goal of encouraging contrasting cultures and perspectives. "The panel grew out of experiences of students and university employees from various religious traditions who felt that Bucknell as a secular university did not make people of traditional faiths feel at home as much as it should," Professor Siewers said to The Bucknellian. "We have people from various traditions on the panel; one former student will be zooming in from Ethiopia."

"We hope to discuss how secular privilege at our university involves a modern Enlightenment-centered and Eurocentric view that often is not aware of this bias because it labels itself progressive," he added "I'm glad the university offered this opportunity to discuss these issues; all of us participating hope they will be included in future programs to encourage equity and belonging at Bucknell."

## 12:00 – 1:22 p.m.: Lunch with Two Sessions. Food, Faith, Justice: Stories from Baltimore – Organized Panel Presentation, ELC Walls Lounge by Da'Mirah Vinson '26, Cindy Cortez Cu '24, Dora Kreitzer '25 and Kurt Nelson.

Student panelists from the UNIV 192 class "Food, Faith, Justice: Baltimore" will reflect on what they have learned in the class and discuss questions such as "Why are people in Baltimore experiencing food insecurity in 2023?" and "How do we build hopeful, resilient and thoughtful communities of response?"

## Life of an ABC in a PWI – Presentation, ELC Walls Lounge by Vivian Kuang '25.

Vivian Kuang '25 will speak on her experiences as an American-Born Chinese (ABC) student and talk about her experiences with self-identity and embracing her cultural heritage.

## 1:30 – 2:22 p.m.: Campus Sexual Assault: A Coalition Approach – Organized Panel Presentation, ELC Forum by Samantha Hart, Kristin Gibson, Abby Fite, Jamie Grobes, Kalila Beehler and Erica Delsandro.

This panel will speak about campus sexual assault through university offices and departments that engage in education, support, advocacy and information gathering. The goal of this panel is to display the on-campus resources aiding in educating the campus community, supporting victim-survivors, advocating for cultural change and sharing quantitative and qualitative information about the issue's complexity.

## 2:30 – 3:22 p.m.: DEI Education Abroad at Bucknell - Important Lessons Learned – Organized Panel Presentation, ELC Forum by Jen Fritz, Trace Coates, Sam Pring '23, Sebastian Guerrero '23, Georgia Lambrakis '23 and Stephen Appiah-Padi.

This panel has been organized to discuss the initiatives being taken at Bucknell to increase DEI within the study abroad programs. Students who have participated in these programs will be speaking on their experiences abroad. The session will offer an opportunity to brainstorm for potential new initiatives in the future. It is also noted that this presentation was co-sponsored by OGEE and the Internationalization Lab Leadership committee.

## 3:30 – 4:22 p.m.: Belonging at Bucknell as an International – Workshop, ELC Walls Lounge by Jennifer Figueroa, Heather Almer, Donna Ebernstein and Joicy Gu '23.

Students and professors with the Bucknell Internationalization Lab task force will share data points to raise awareness of the issues faced by international students, faculty and staff and to generate concrete ideas to address moving forward. The session will include a community dialogue, brainstorming and feedback session.

## 4:30 – 5:22 p.m.: Expression Through Art – Creative Session, ELC Terrace Room by Jailen Anderson '24, Grace Kim '26, Jerimaha McClain '26, Yosief Tewelde '26 and David Randrianarivelo '26.

In this RSVP-required creative session, selected artists will first walk the audience through their work as it relates to their identity and encourage attendees to do the same while they create art of their own. The audience will next be split into groups and conversations with specific artists and DEI board members about art-making through a DEI lens.





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# sports

**B1** — March 31, 2023

## Baseball's 4-0 Patriot League weekend

Clara McCormick  
Sports Editor

Bucknell Baseball had a stand-out weekend, facing both Lafayette and Lehigh twice and winning all four games.

The first double-header the Orange and Blue faced was against Lafayette. The Bison topped the Leopards easily winning the games 11-0 and 20-2. The Bison scored five runs in the bottom of the first inning, and before a single out was recorded, they scored four times.

These points were due to an RBI single from Tyler Dunn '25, a two-run double from Sean Keys '25 and a fielder's choice from Chris Klein '23.

Anthony Sherwin '24, in the third inning, made the score 7-0 in favor of the Bison by earning a two-run triple to deep center field, and in the fourth the three were made as well as a hit.

Runs from a wild pitch, a bases-loaded walk by Sherwin and a run-scoring ground ball from Jacob Corson '24, made the score 10-0. Sherwin then singled home Lyons in the sixth inning, earning his fourth RBI of the game.

Senior pitcher Chris DiFiore had his first career shutout in game one. He allowed only two hits and allowed only two hits

and a walk for the entirety of the game.

The game ended with Bucknell scoring 11 runs on nine hits.

"I had a really good command of my fastball, but didn't feel confident with my other pitches," DiFiore said. "I knew I needed to pound the zone and trust the fielders behind me, and they played amazing defense for me."

Game two against Lafayette also went extremely well for Orange and Blue Baseball, earning a season-high 20 runs. Ben Sinins '24 had an exceptional game. He went three for four, batting three runs and scoring three.

Billy Kender '25 had his first-career three hit game, and Lyons and Dunn added three hits as well. Mason Kelly '23 and Nic Adamo '24 had two RBIs and two hits each, and Keys earned his second-straight two-hit game, which made his hitting streak seven.

The first point of the day came about when Dunn earned a single through the hole on the right after Sinins singled and Grant Voytovich '24 drew a 10-pitch walk.

4-0 was earned in the fourth inning when Adamo hit an RBI

double and Sherwin earned a two-run single. Pitcher Will Greer '23 held his own, striking out the side in the fourth and retiring the first 13 Lafayette players.

The fifth inning consisted of some challenges from the Leopards, earning their first run of the double-header, but Greer struck out the rest of the threats.

The Bison responded with three more runs in the fifth inning, eight runs in the sixth and five in the seventh. These were thanks to contributions from Kender, Kelly, Keys, Lyons and Henry Novicki '23.

The game ended with rookie pitcher Hadley Maxwell relieving Greer. This was Greer's best game of the season, statistically.

Coming off two conference wins, the Bison faced Lehigh in their next double-header. These games against the Mountain Hawks were certainly more competitive than the Lafayette games, with the final scores being 6-4 and 16-6 in favor of the Orange and Blue.

Pitcher Tyler O'Neill '24 started this game, and Lehigh

scored the first two runs and they did not take place until the fourth inning, but Bucknell responded fast.

Klein hit a double to start putting the Bison on the board, shortly followed shortly by a walk from Jake Wortman '23, a single by Lyons to score Klein, Corson getting hit by a pitch and ground ball from Voytovich. These efforts tied the game 2-2.

Theo Farynick '23 relieved O'Neill, who performed well for the Bison.

The game went back-and-forth between the teams until Keys hit a team-leading fifth home run of the season, the Bison reigning victorious. The final game of the weekend was the second game in the double header against Lehigh.

Dunn led the team by going three for three with extra-base hits and six RBIs, a career high and Adamo hit his first career home run. Adamo, alongside Sherwin, had two-hit games.

This game against the Mountain Hawks was much more high scoring than the first. Lehigh scored first yet again, but

the Bison responded in the bottom of the first inning.

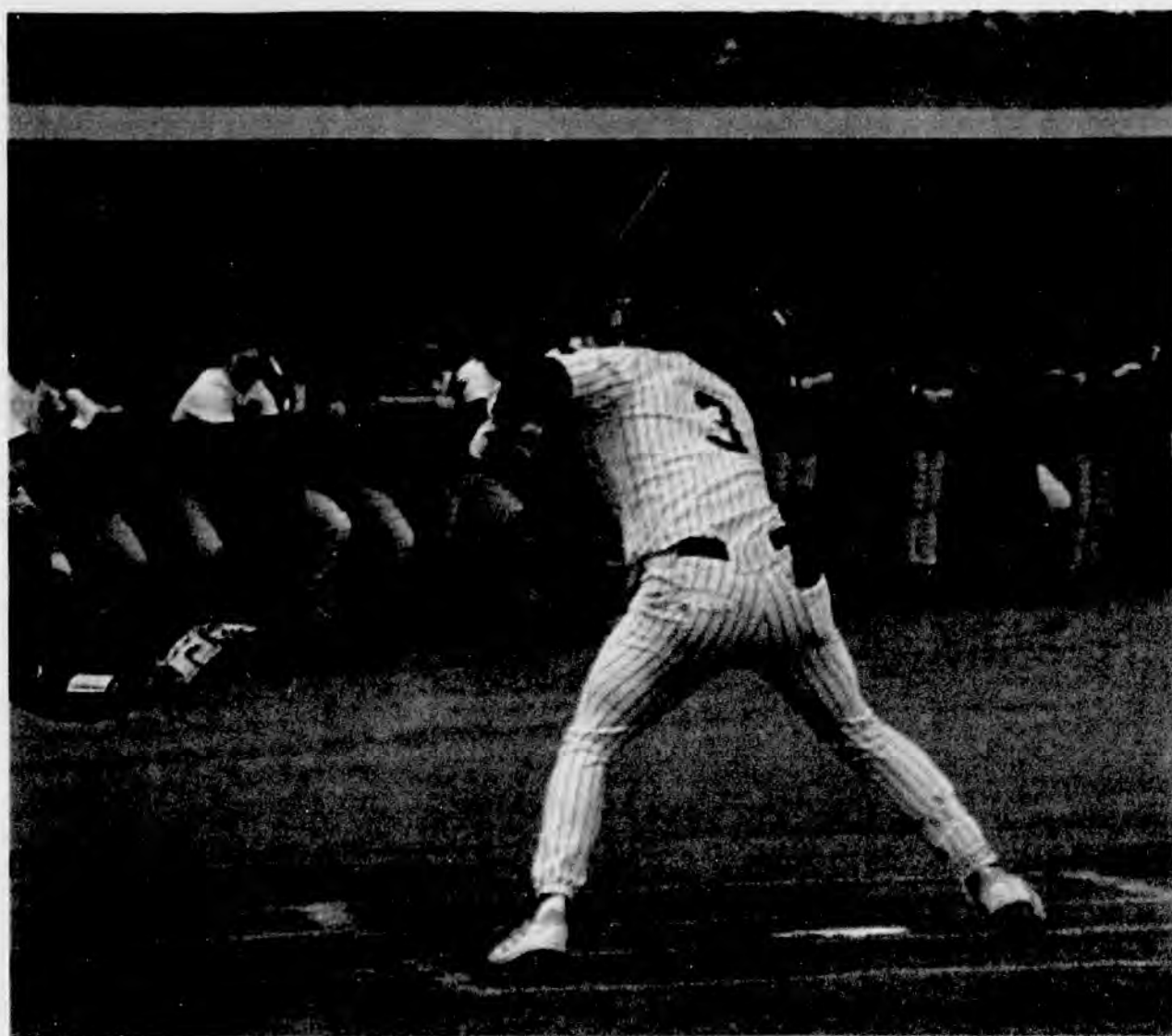
To make the game a 4-3 lead for the Orange and Blue, Sherwin earned a single, Voytovich walked and Dunn scored them in with a triple. Kender also beat out a double-play ball to score Dunn.

Voyovich, Kelly and Corson walked with the bases loaded, and Dunn earned another run for the game with a sac fly in the fifth inning.

In the seventh, it was Dunn again, who was hit by a pitch and scored on a triple by Kender, which triggered the 10 run rule. The final score of the game was 16-6 in seven innings.

"Top to bottom we played very well this weekend and have had a really solid stretch of games," DiFiore said. "We are hitting, fielding and pitching really well right now, and it's not just a few guys, it's everyone."

This weekend, the Bison are on the hunt for more wins as they face league opponents Army and Holy Cross in another set of double headers.



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## Upcoming Events

### Men's and Women's Track and Field

- Colonial Relays in Williamsburg, Va., 03/30-04/01

### Men's Tennis

- vs. Colgate in Syracuse, N.Y., 03/31

### Women's Rowing

- Doc Hosea Invitational in Cherry Hill, N.J. 04/01

### Women's Golf

- Prospect Bay Intercollegiate 04/01

### Baseball

- vs. West Point 04/01

### Men's Lacrosse

- vs. West Point 04/01

### Women's Water Polo

- vs. Princeton 04/01

### Softball

- vs. Lehigh 04/01

### Women's Lacrosse

- vs. Lehigh 04/01

## Women's Track sweeps the weekend at Susquehanna

Noor Kaur  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Women's Track and Field had a fantastic showing at the start of their outdoor season.

In an exciting performance, Abby Kates '24 won the high jump to break Taylor O'Brien's 2019 school record, hitting a 5-7 3/4 mark. Following her were teammates Olivia Boyce '24 and Madeline Lehker '26, finishing second (5-5) and third place (5-1 3/4), respectively.

"The meet this weekend at Susquehanna was an unbelievable start to the Outdoor season," Kates said. "The team went into this meet with no expectations, especially with the weather. A lot of us got to compete in events that we usually wouldn't do so it was overall just so fun. Myself and my teammates, Maddie Lehker and Olivia Boyce, pushed each other and finished top three in the High Jump."

She continued, "high jump is a very mental event because you are staring 'personal best' in the face before you do it, while in other events you don't know it's a personal best until after you do it. When I was attempting the school record, it was calming to have a ton of my teammates surrounding the High Jump pit cheering me on. When I hit the mat after clearing a new school record, Coach Ozzie and many of my teammates came running over hugging, jumping and cheering. It was a surreal moment that I will never forget."

Additionally, Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 placed first in the shot put competition, throwing a distance of 43-0 1/4.

Madison McGloin '24 also earned first place in the hammer throw with a 162-9 distance, followed by teammate Anne Glenning '24 (148-7).

Another first place finish, Tori Chace '26, finished with a

12:10.36 in the 3000m steeplechase, eight seconds ahead of the runner up.

Continuing the string of first place finishers was Ally Clarke '24 (4:51.54) in the 1500m. Mariana Engleby '24 finished just behind Clarke with a 4:52.16 time to take second place.

Abby Eisold '24 earned first place in the 100m hurdles (15.90).

In the 800m run, Mackenzie Turner '23 (2:19.46), Abby Paczewski '24 (2:19.73) and Caryn Rippey '26 (2:20.02) earned first, second and third place, respectively.

In the 400m hurdles, Ella Derstine '25 earned first place (1:05.77), followed by Mikayla Horvath '23 (1:07.51), Maddy Hippensteel '24 (1:07.54) and Sarah Durkan '24 (1:08.20).

Lauren Shaffer '26, Rippey, Grace Vives '26 and Samantha Blackman '24 teamed up to compete in the 4x400m relay, earning second place (4:17.22).

Colleen Linko '24 placed second in the 400m run (1:00.03), Madison Libby '25 earned second in the long jump (17-4 1/4) and Riley Beebe '23 earned second in the javelin throw (136-11).

Jenny Scott '23 won the pole vault event (11-7 3/4).

"This weekend was a good start to the spring season despite the really difficult weather conditions our team had to face," Scott said. "Cold and rainy meets just prove what a resilient team we are, and it makes me super excited for the rest of this season and performances to come. Overall a great spring opener for the men and women!"

Next weekend, the team heads to William and Mary in the Colonial Relays.

## Men's Track and Field kicks off their out- door season

Tallulah Fuhs  
Contributing Writer

The Men's Track and Field team traveled to Susquehanna University to compete at the Jim Taylor Invitational to start their outdoor season.

Franco Perinotti '23 led with success this meet, finishing in first place with a height of 16-4 3/4 in the pole vault. Perinotti is now the third all-time in Bucknell history for this event.

Continuing with jumping success, Tristan An '25 clinched first place (6-5), while Jeffrey Cianfrocca '26 finished in second (6-1 1/4).

Robert Feeney '23 and Jack Calisi '23 grabbed first and second in the hammer throw competition with distances of 177-9 and 171-8.

Braden Stryker '25 placed first with 52-2 3/4 in the shot put with teammate Wade Shomper '26 finishing close behind, claiming second place (49-6 1/2).

In the discus throw, Keenan LaMontagne '26 finished first with 148-0, Stryker finished second with 147-5 and Shomper finished third with 144-10.

Trevor Drescher '25 clinched second in the javelin throw with a distance of 185-1.

Some of our speedy Bison took to the track and accomplished great success.

Samuel Whittaker '23 continued his success from the indoor season by earning first place in the 800-meter run (1:55.27).

Henry Didden '26 grabbed first in the 300-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:44.56.

Hurdler Brain Scotto '25, with a time of 15.36, claimed first place in the 110-meter hurdles.

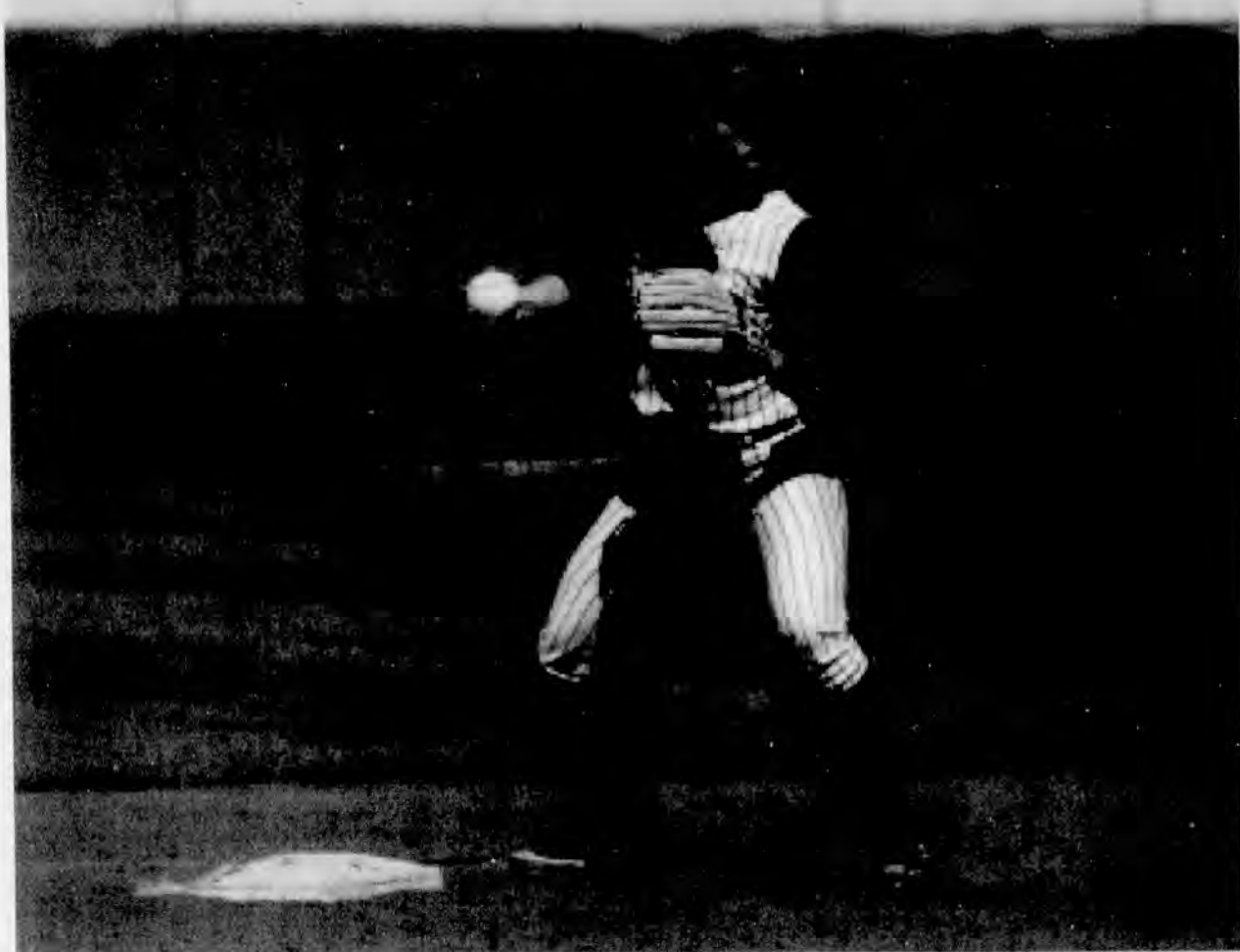
Cooper Hyken '26 finished second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.18.

"This past weekend's meet was a great way for us to start outdoor, being so close to campus with some solid competition before heading to Colonial relays," Feeney said. "I know a few of our athletes had break out performances, putting them in contention for NCAAs. I was able to get back into hammer after a long weight throw season with a win, which helped boost confidence before this weekend's tough meet."

The Orange and Blue surely had a great opening weekend to their outdoor season.

Next, Bucknell competes over the weekend of April 1 at the Colonial Relays in Williamsburg, Va., hosted by William and Mary.





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## Softball finishes three game matchup against Colgate 1-2

Charlotte Dursee  
Senior Writer

Bison Softball hosted Colgate University this past Sunday for a double header. Colgate managed to win the first game with a score of 10-8, but the Bison were able to come back and win the second game that evening. The Orange and Blue then fell to the Raiders again the following morning.

Savannah Jones '25 started in the circle for their first game. Colgate scored on a leadoff walk and triple. Jones was able to prevent Colgate from scoring the rest of the inning. Colgate scored again at the top of the third inning. Jones once again was able to close the inning before the Raiders could cause any more damage.

The Bison put their first points up in their frame of the third inning. Haley Speicher '26 and Jones singled. Zoie Smith '24 pulled off a two run double to tie the score. Smith soon made her way to third after a sacrifice bunt from Mackenzie Hilling '25. Ava Aguilar '25 was able to bring Smith home with a single of her own.

The Bison continued scoring runs in the fourth inning. Chase Knapp '23 led with a walk off, followed by Speicher being walked. Jones singled and brought both runners home to push the score to 5-2.

The score remained still until the sixth inning. Colgate started with a strike out that was followed by a double, a walk and another double to score both runners. After another walk, Kaiya Burton '23 entered the circle. After a couple of errors and a walk, Colgate regained the lead. The score was now 9-5, and Madison Roukey '25 was put into pitch.

In their frame of the sixth inning, the Bison were able to get a run on the scoreboard.

Smith and Noelle Gardon '24 both walked. Kailyn Lorberter '23 singled, which brought Smith home before the inning ended.

In the tenth inning, the Raiders managed to get their tenth run off of two singles and a grounder. Despite their best efforts, the Bison were unable to regain the lead, and the game ended 10-8.

"The first game of the Colgate series really stung, knowing that we let them back into the game," Smith said. "However, talking between the games our coaches reassured us that one game doesn't make or break our team and that we got to every pitcher they had. So as long as we kept on performing and sticking to our plan of hitting, pitching and defense we would be successful."

Burton started off the next game strong in the circle. The Bison scored the first runs of the game in the bottom of the first inning. Knapp led with a single and then advanced to second on a passed ball. A sacrifice bunt from Speicher and an RBI from Jones brought in the run.

Colgate tied the game in the third inning with three straight singles. Hunter Vestal '24 came into pitch in the fourth inning and was able to keep the Raiders from scoring any runs. The Bison then regained the lead in their frame of the fourth inning, making the score 2-1. Vestal led two more scoreless innings.

In the sixth inning, Smith led with a double and Nicole Lioumis '26 replaced her as a pinch runner. Gardon walked and Hilling hit an impressive double to score both runners and widen the score gap. To close out the game, Olivia Marinelli '23 entered the circle and quickly finished the game.

The Bison won 4-1, marking their first conference win of the year.

The Bison faced the Raiders a third time the next morning. Roukey started the game in the circle. Despite loading the bases with three walks, she was able to stay calm and close the inning without letting up any runs.

The Bison were the first to score, Annabella Hawkins '24 was on second and soon advanced to third after a grounder by Speicher. Smith was walked which brought Hawkins home and gave the Bison a 1-0 lead.

The Raiders tied the score and it remained tied until the top of the fifth inning. The Raiders scored after a walk and a home run, taking a 2-1 lead.

Burton entered the game to pitch and finished the inning before Colgate could score again. In the bottom of the fifth, Hawkins got things going with a walk. Knapp then made her way to first after being hit by a pitch. Smith's single RBI tied the game. Jones then managed to bring another run in and help the Bison gain a 3-2 lead.

The Raiders took the lead in the top of the seventh inning. Colgate was a strike away from losing the game when they hit an impressive shot to the left field fence. They gained a 5-3 lead. The Bison were unable to score in their frame and the game ended.

"We play the toughest teams right in the beginning of the Patriot League so it'll be a good test of our ability and a great way to show the work we have put in during preseason," Smith said. "We're looking to continue playing good softball and competing at a high level."

Next, the Bison travel to Lehigh University for a three game matchup.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Abby Kates '24



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## Profile

### Sport

Track and Field

### Hometown

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### High School

Archmere

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### Position

Jumps

Caleb Wooten  
Staff Writer

Despite the rainy day, Abby Kates '24 still shined at the Jim Taylor Invitational this past weekend. The star junior reached unprecedented heights in high jump, as her mark of 5-7 3/4 won the meet and broke the previous school record by half an inch.

When reflecting on her success in this meet, Kates attributed a lot of it to the consistency of her training this year in comparison to her first two years.

"It's been amazing to have an event coach for the full year, and it's definitely made a difference at this point of the year," Kates said. "Coach Ozzie has been great, and being able to trust and follow the training plan consistently has helped a ton. During my underclassman years, I'd kind of been in between coaches every season, so we've had multiple training plans each year, and it was hard to be consistent. Now, I feel like I've been able to build a great relationship with him and it's helped me figure out what works training wise. I definitely have seen the results which always is a confidence booster, and I'm just grateful I get to be able to train, compete and have fun."

Kates is picking up right where she left off this past indoor season. She leapt to fourth place of all time on the indoor list, as well as placed fifth in the Patriot League Championships. She earned All-East honors at ECAC Championships.

Her performance this past weekend was the breakthrough

that Kates had been waiting for all year, and the junior was ecstatic to see her hard work pay off.

"I felt pretty good from the warm up, and I entered at a higher height than usual and cleared my first two jumps so I conserved a lot more energy than normal before reaching that height," Kates said. "I had my teammates Olivia Boyce '24 and Madeline Lehker '26 competing with me too, which was awesome. Being able to support each other throughout the event was huge. I failed my first jump, but knew I could get the record as I barely hit the bar. As soon as I cleared the second jump and got the record everybody from the team who was watching rushed me on the mat and it was the best feeling ever. It felt great to be able to just have fun with it all and jump with no pressure, so I'm excited to see how I can build off of that for the rest of the year and eventually at Patriot League Championships."

Kates and the Bison compete next at the Colonial Relays this upcoming weekend in Williamsburg, Va.

### Career Stats

- 2021 Patriot League Outdoor Championship 2nd place in high jump  
- School record in high jump

## Men's Golf finishes T11 at Torrey Pines

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Staff Writer

Bucknell men's golf traveled to California to take part in the UC San Diego Invitational on March 27-28. The tournament was held at Torrey Pines Golf Course, the same course which held the 2021 US Open.

The Bison competed against fourteen other schools, including UC Irvine and Lehigh.

Each team played 36 holes on the first day, followed by 18 on the second. Through 36, Bucknell made 42 birdies to go along with an eagle, earning an under-par score in each of the first two rounds.

The Bison stayed red hot during round three, posting a -1 team tally of 287. The 54-hole score for Bucknell totaled 860,

the fifth-best 54-hole team score in program history.

After a stellar three rounds, Bucknell finished the event alongside Hawaii at T-11 on the team leaderboard, in front of Lehigh, Florida A&M and Southern Utah.

Blake Wisdom '23 finished the event -4, including a -3 final round score of 69 in which he added three birdies. He would end up T-19 on the individual leaderboard. Andres Barraza '26 and Jackson Bussell '23 each ended the invitational at even par, earning them a T-37 finish.

The Bison take the next week off before they head cross-state to Villanova to take part in the Wildcat Invitational at Radnor Valley Country Club.

## Women's Tennis falls to Navy

Lauren Medeiros  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Women's Tennis hosted Navy at home on March 26. Unfortunately for the Bison, they lost the match in a tough 6-1 battle.

"The team fought hard in our match against Navy this past weekend," Abby Platt '26 said. "We started off strong by winning the doubles point, and several of our singles matches had close scores."

The only point scored for the Bison came from the doubles teams.

At No. 1 doubles, Platt and Whitney King '25 defeated

their opponents 7-6, and at No. 3 doubles, Madi Sebulsky '24 and Caroline Marcus '25 won 6-3. Playing as a tandem this season, Sebulsky and Marcus now have a 6-3 record. As for Platt and King, their record is 9-4 when playing together.

Although Navy won four singles matches in a row to clinch the match, the Bison competed extremely well and put up a good fight.

The results to the singles are as followed: King at No. 1 fell short to her opponent

6-2, 6-4, No. 2 Anna Lajos '25 lost 2-6, 4-6, No. 3 Tyne Miller '24 was defeated 2-6, 6-2, 6-0, No. 4 Platt narrowly missed 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, No. 5 Kate Novak '24 lost 1-6, 3-6 and No. 6, Mirra Manolov '26 came short 6-7, 2-6.

"Heading into our next Patriot League match against Lehigh, we are going to bounce back," Platt said.

For the next three matches, Bucknell will be on the road. On Saturday, April 8, the Bison will take on Lehigh in Bethlehem, Pa.



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## Lamar Jackson's "Letter to My Fans"

Kaylee Donnelly  
Staff Writer

In light of the NFL starting the free agency for 2023, some controversies have arisen amongst transferring players. Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson announced his request for a trade on March 27 over Twitter.

Jackson has been the starting quarterback for the Baltimore Ravens for several years, leading the team to several playoffs and earning the award of NFL Most Valuable Player in the 2019 season. The Ravens have been one of the most successful teams these past years, with Jackson himself putting up a record of 45-16.

Despite the genial tone of the beginning of Jackson's tweet thanking his fans, the timing of

the tweet reveals a serious element of discontent towards his former team. The tweet was sent out just seconds before Ravens Head Coach John Harbaugh sat down with a slew of reporters. Jackson stated that as of March 2 he had requested to be traded from the Ravens organization and that the Ravens were not interested in meeting his "value."

The second that Harbaugh had taken a seat to speak with reporters at the NFL's annual league meeting, he was met with questions about Jackson's tweet. The coach stated that he hadn't even seen the tweet yet, and that he was unaware of Jackson's intentions. He also stated that he

hadn't talked to the quarterback in a few weeks.

A free agent tag puts Jackson in a position where he's free to negotiate with other franchises. Reportedly, last year Jackson turned down a hefty offer from the Ravens, in which he would have received \$200 million in total guaranteed money if he remained on the roster until 2026. This included \$133 million at signing, and \$175 million for injuries. In this position, Jackson would have been the second highest ranking quarterback in terms of guaranteed deals, only behind Deshaun Watson.

If Jackson is able to negotiate with other teams, the Ravens will

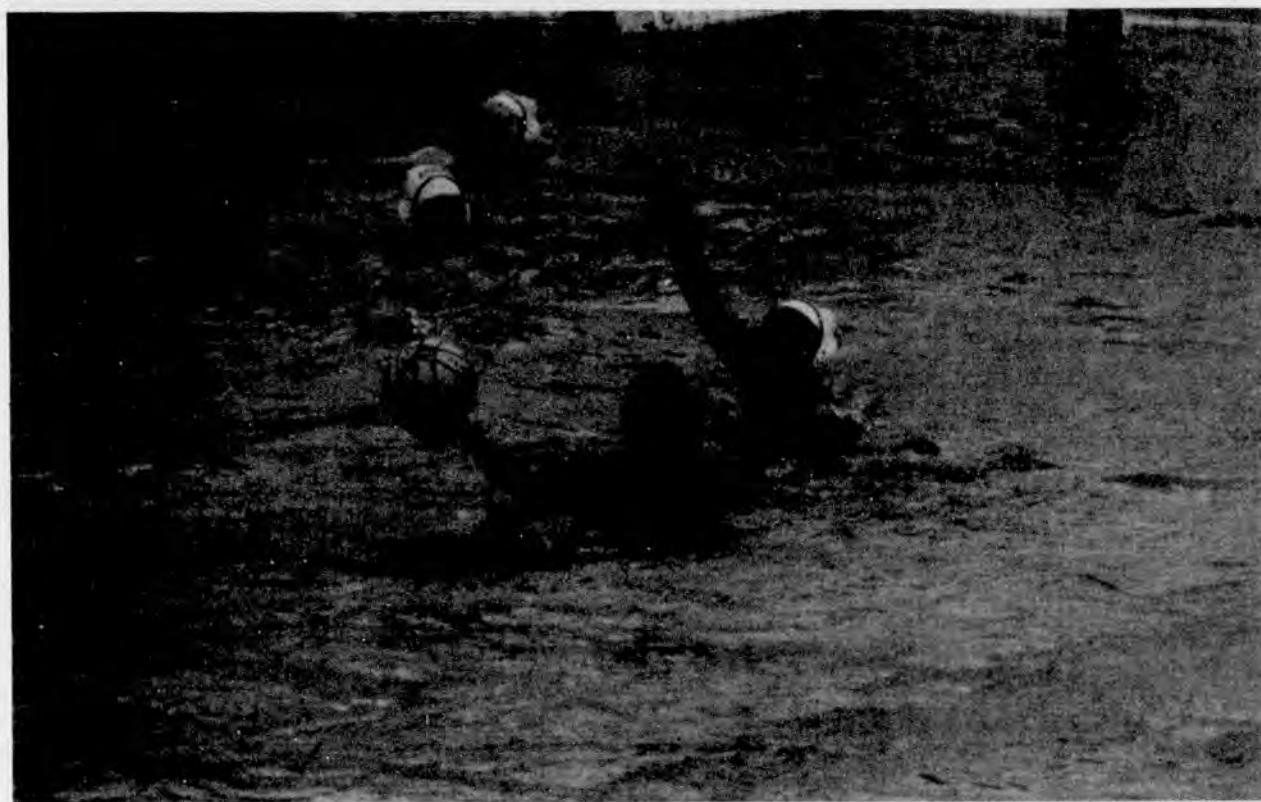
have to match the deal or get two first-round draft picks instead. However, Jackson's tag as of right now does not give him free reign. His agent is not approved by the NFLPA, and therefore any team who negotiates a contract with an unapproved agent can be fined up to around \$50,000.

If Jackson is not able to negotiate, he will have to play the 2023 season under Baltimore with a salary-cap of \$32.4 million.

With the tweet and the outstanding possibilities of Jackson's status, Harbaugh remained put together in front of the press, deflecting questions easily and promising that negotiations were still underway. Despite

commenting that he believed Jackson would still be quarterback for the Baltimore Ravens next season, five days after the press conference, the Ravens placed the nonexclusive franchise tag on Lamar Jackson.

Jackson may still end up at Baltimore this upcoming season, but it's clear that he's looking for more than what the Ravens are willing to give him. With Jackson on the market and Baltimore still trying to hold on, more developments are bound to reveal themselves, especially given the nature of Jackson's announcement and intention to leave the franchise.



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## Senior Day for Bucknell Women's Water Polo

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Bucknell Women's Water Polo hosted Saint Francis University (Pa.) this past weekend in celebration of seniors Chloe Smith, Bella Moynihan, Sam Gove and Megan LaCroix.

Senior Day marked the end of a three week break from hitting the water competitively.

The Bison led 1-0 following the first quarter of play after Isabella Monaghan '24 scored and had stellar defensive plays.

In the second, SFU went on a 3-0 run to seize a two-goal advantage over the Bison.

Within the last ten seconds of the first half, Boati Motau '25 assisted in bridging the gap with a dramatic goal, which brought the Bison within a point of the Red Flash.

The second half started out with a bang with a total of five points tallied between the two teams.

Motau and Monaghan scored one each, ending the quarter with a two point gap behind SFU.

The fourth quarter presented the Bison with numerous opportunities, one of which Smith took advantage of with a goal.

In retaliation, SFU came back to post a score of nine against the Bison's five.

Monaghan posted two more points for her seniors before the game concluded with a score of 9-7 in favor of the Red Flash.

"It was really nice being able to celebrate our seniors in their last home game," Sydney Finkler '25 said. "We are ready to take on Harvard, Brown and Princeton in our upcoming tournament."

This weekend, Bucknell will travel to New England for the CWPA games.

Madison Rehak  
Staff Writer

Bucknell men's lacrosse faced Colgate University for their first Patriot League game of the season this last weekend.

Bucknell was down 1-3 to the Raiders at the start of the match, but it was not long until they had a very impressive comeback.

During the second quarter, Bucknell was able to fire off seven goals out of 16 shot attempts that remained unanswered from Colgate. The Bison prevented the Raiders from scoring for an entire 24 minutes of play, as the team was relentless in the defensive end.

Colgate responded to this run and was able to retaliate in the second half. In the third quarter, Colgate was able to outscore the Bison in shot attempts 7-5, however, this was not nearly enough to comeback from the Bison's incredible scoring streak in the first half.

The Raiders attempted to even out the score again in the fourth quarter and had a five goal run, interrupted by a goal from Connor Davis '25.

Though the Raiders fought hard to overcome the Bison, the final score at the end of the game was 14-10 for the Bison, giving them their first Patriot League win of the season.

Davis had an incredible game with five goals for the Orange and Blue, matching his career high in goals per game. Cam Doolan '25 also had a hat trick for the Bison.

Dutch Furlong '24, Tanner Germain '23 and Michael Meyer '26 each put up goals and assists as well. Hank Bethel '23 caused two turnovers in the game, and Tommy Armstrong '25 posted a team-high of five ground balls in the game.

First-year goalkeeper Jaz Zanelli made 11 crucial saves during the game and completed 26 of the 30 clears with the assistance of the defensive unit.

Next weekend, the Bison will travel to West Point, N.Y., to face Army for another Patriot League game on April 1.

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# Silicon Valley Bank failure, deja vu in the banking sector

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Opinions editor

The United States saw its largest bank failure since the 2008 financial crisis on March 10, following the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank. With this being such a significant bank failure, it has appeared to be largely contained. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) stepped in swiftly to take over the bank's balance sheet, and NPR notes how regulators decided to guarantee all deposits at the bank, in addition to Signature Bank who subsequently failed. How was this collapse contained, was regulation adequate, and who should be held accountable?

This collapse brings about an important point about the necessity for and efficiency of banking regulation for both big and small banks. Big banks remained largely untouched by this failure due to the stricter restrictions that they have compared to smaller banks. New York Times particularly notes on the diversification of assets that bigger banks have that Silicon Valley Bank lacked. Silicon Valley Bank primarily works with tech start-ups. Containing itself to one industry where start-ups can be very risky has positioned itself in an already unstable environment. Thus, it becomes clearer why they were more drastically impacted by rising interest rates.

This failure might bring about more strict regulation for regional banks. It is important for regulators to consider

how the types of assets institutions involve themselves with, will open them up to more or less risk as interest rates rise. Diversification is as significant for smaller banks as it is for larger ones, and I hope this failure forces regulators to consider this.

While I agree that this crisis has been contained rather quickly before creating widespread panic, it still is important to consider how things could have gone more smoothly. Following the 2008 crisis, the United States implemented regulations through the Dodd-Frank Act that worked to measure and mitigate systemic risk, increasing capital requirements, in addition to creating more accountability for banks and more transparency in their transactions with other economic agents. The New York Times notes how regulation of regional banks had been loosened under the Trump administration and considers whether this failure would have occurred if Silicon Valley Bank was more strictly regulated.

NPR also considers how the Federal Reserve could have prevented this collapse. They discuss Federal Reserve vice chairman Michael Barr's claims that the Fed had been warning the bank since October 2021 about the risk they were taking on. As the bank's failure has unfolded before us, it is obvious that warnings are not enough. When the Fed needs to step in to enforce

action by banks is something they should consider going forward. It seems that while containment has appeared to be relatively strong, preventive measures by the Fed and policy needs to be stronger if we want to avoid failures like this entirely.

In times of financial crisis, it is important that bank executives are held accountable for their decisions that have laid the foundation for collapse. The FDIC has acquired assets in order to make whole deposits up to \$250,000 and First Citizens plans to buy the bank's loans and deposits in order to make whole on even larger deposits. Even though regulators stepped in along with a potential buyout from another bank, Silicon Valley Bank executives should still face consequences if their decisions contributed to the threatening of its clients' finances.

NPR notes "that executives at Silicon Valley Bank sold stock and received bonuses shortly before the bank's collapse." It is not just how businesses and livelihoods are put in jeopardy at the hands of bank executives who are unscathed and, in some cases, better off. Selling stock before its collapse is also an obvious sign that the bank knew its fate, and rather than targeting its energy towards borrowing funds to meet obligations, they focused on themselves. Regardless of the bonuses, there should be repercussions that hold banks accountable to ensure that other banks do not follow.

## WBFN and the health benefits of Comedy

Maira Weinstein  
Staff writer

According to the Mayo Clinic, laughter can improve your immune system, ease physical pain, relieve your stress response and even stimulate organs.

In college, things like anxiety, illness and depression are extremely common. As someone familiar with them, I know the claim they can stake on willingness and ability to actively function, especially when it comes to self care. Something you used to love can easily wilt away into a mere burden. When you don't know where to go from there, sometimes it's best to resort to scientific solutions that have proven effective and beneficial to physical and mental wellbeing.

Comedy might not be the answer to every problem, but it is a source of light in a dark tunnel. This past week, I attended an improv show in the ELC Forum, performed by our campus' own improv group, We Brake For Nobody. This is definitely not my first show and will not be the last. Knowing quite a few of the members, I was introduced to the club freshman year and immediately got hooked on their performances. I found myself waiting for the weekend to attend and dreading the ending, proceeded with line games and echoes of laughter in Uptown and the Forum. Everyone I have brought to the shows has continued to return, making it a routine every few weeks to see WBFN perform. It has become a point of relaxation, something to look forward to, and a reason to get out of my dorm on a Friday night.

The reason things like improv shows and stand-up events are significant is because of the environment created during them. While concerts and movies are entertaining and important in their own way, comedy shows are unique in that they thrive off of participation and openness of the audience and encourage a sense of community lost in many places. WBFN is a group that uses the voices of the crowd in their act, but never pressures anyone to go out of their comfort zone or get on stage to humiliate them, which I feel can often be a downside of comedy outings.

In my experience, seeing these amazingly talented students do something that clearly makes them happy and making people smile in the process is so special. There is a sense of comfort and kindness that they present, which has built up an audience that not only enjoys the performance but also supports the members as peers and parts of the school community, something that is not always the case for other on-campus activities.

In the end, a good laugh is a good laugh. And you can't deny the scientific basis of that. Everybody has their own thing that makes them smile, laugh and simply enjoy life. But nothing can make a person feel as happy as fast and as effectively as comedy. Bottom line: humor is medicine. So, go support our university improv group, you won't regret it.

## Letter to the Editor: The recent tuition increase will eliminate the Middle-Class Bucknellian

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In February 2023, it was announced that Bucknell would be increasing the total cost of attendance to over \$80k, an almost 5 percent increase in comparison to last year's cost. The cost hike was earmarked for things such as employee bonuses and facility upgrades. While those are all acceptable reasons to raise costs, it's important to realize that by doing this, the university is essentially making it impossible for middle class Bucknellians to continue their education at Bucknell.

In 2021, the median household income was \$70,784, around \$10,000 less than what it will cost to attend Bucknell University for the 2023/2024 academic year. The average need-based grant offered by the University is around \$42,000, meaning that next year an average person can consider having to get loans roughly around \$38,000 per year for one year at Bucknell University, give or take a few thousand.

My concern is that the class of 2026 had their financial aid determined based on their financial situation in 2020. This means that some students may have been awarded grants based on their parents' wages (or

lack thereof), which may have been impacted by COVID-19.

However, since most of those wages rebounded in 2021, the updated '23/'24 financial aid offer based on the FAFSA and CSS profile from 2021 may be lower, putting an increasing strain on middle-class students who were previously eligible for Pell grants or high need-based grants. Many middle-class students, including myself, were aware that their out-of-pocket costs would increase this year, but the tuition hike has made the situation even worse. Furthermore, the fact the bill isn't released until June and is due in August makes it a lot more difficult for a student to try and understand their financial situation. Most middle-class families today are not going to be able to afford the average \$38,000 in student loans per year.

The University will lose current and prospective students over this increase. They cannot continue to try and promote diversity and inclusion if they do not begin to open the door to those of different socioeconomic backgrounds, and, in my opinion, the recent price hike just sealed that door for good.

## Art Basel returns and reaffirms arts' significance

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Awoken from its pandemic-induced coma, the "Olympics of the art world" has made its grand return. Art Basel, the premier international art fair focusing on modern and contemporary works, just wrapped up in Hong Kong with 86,000 people in attendance.

For those who feel like they just don't understand modern art, Art Basel may seem like a circus. After all, it was the birthplace of Maurizio Cattelan's "Comedian" which drew a flurry of scorn from those outside the art world. Many did not understand why three bruised bananas duct-taped to a wall is considered art, and were infuriated that the piece sold for \$120,000. Others question why performance artist David Datuna eating one of the bananas after their sale is also considered art.

In general, contemporary works of this nature almost always confuse the general public. Even worse, this confusion can turn into degradation. The "I could have made that myself" claim is

a common manifestation of that hostility.

Yet while anyone can claim they could have made a particular work, they didn't actually create it. Even if a work of art appears to be easily replicable, that doesn't mean it's easy to come up with. Making art history requires innovation. Pushing the boundaries of what is considered art has always drawn criticism. Art Basel is not to be scoffed at even if bruised bananas duct-taped to the wall are sold for \$120,000. This year marked the grand reopening of an event that truly celebrates contemporary artists.

Works from 32 countries and 177 galleries were on display for those who were lucky enough to secure tickets before they sold out. Some notable seven-figure sales include one of Yayoi Kusama's "Pumpkin" sculptures that sold for \$3.5 million, Pablo Picasso's "Fille au Béret" that had an asking price of \$5.5 million and an Alice Neel painting that sold for between \$1-1.2 million. A

price is not always reflective of quality, but the steepness of these prices are at least a hint that there is something special about these artists and their works that break artistic boundaries and hold meanings deeper than the untrained eye might see upon a quick look.

Attendees often remarked on the vibrant energy that ran throughout the event, as many were excited that it was finally back in full swing. When the pandemic hit in 2020, the fair was entirely digital. For the following two years, it was staged using satellite booths with representatives for dealers who could not attend in person. However, the event was limited to one floor instead of two, and not all sectors of the event took place. This year marks Art Basel's return to life with two full floors, no more satellite booths and the event's largest attendance since 2019. Next year the event will take place in Miami, so be sure to snag a ticket before the sell-out.



# Leaked video reveals Sino-Russian Alliance replacing US hegemony

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It's no secret that Beijing and Moscow have maintained a steady level of cordiality in recent years. The rapprochement between the two powers is made clear in a recent video from late March 2023 of President Xi and Putin exchanging this message:

Xi: Change is coming that hasn't happened in 100 years. And we are driving this change together.

Putin: I agree.

Xi: Please, take care, dear friend.

Putin: Have a safe journey!

It is hard to know exactly what this means right now and even harder not to get chills watching in video format. What does Xi Jinping mean when he says change is coming that hasn't happened in 100 years? 100 years ago, America was just starting to rule the world as a global power. And now, we're slowly beginning our transition to a paper tiger. We're watching the end of the American

empire in real time. This is the end for us. Many warned, few listened and even fewer cared. But they will soon. Very soon.

The United States has fallen asleep while the rest of the world followed Napoleon's advice: never interrupt your enemy when they're making a mistake. We Americans ostracized Russia and ignored China. We missed the opportunity to let Russia join NATO after the fall of the Soviet Union, and we totally ignored China until Trump started lipping off about them five seconds ago. Nevertheless, we ignored in apathy as our country degraded itself by going around the world doing bad things. Very bad things.

Meanwhile, China and Russia have been forming an alliance that is really unsailable from a western view. Anyone who's seen the social media content exposed to Chinese children en masse and the content Americans put up with knows exactly what I'm talking about. They've fostered a culture that is much more mature and politically attuned. Like

we used to be. And they're ready to dethrone us in the next decade. But we had a good run. We led the world militarily and economically since the end of the first world war.

Now, it's China's time. The country that was battered and beaten during the century of humiliation has now walked one step closer to reaching their two centenary goals by 2049. China has been through a lot, from losing both opium wars to small countries like Britain and France to the unequal treaties of Nanking and Shimonoseki and the devastating failures of the Qing dynasty. From the Chinese Civil War to the Great Leap Forward and of course the Cultural Revolution. And they're wiser because of it, far more than Americans will ever be. And maybe they'll be a good global power.

They already brokered peace between Iran and Saudi Arabia, something we've never managed to do, nor had the strategic position to do. But we did overthrow Mohammad Mosaddegh and install the Shah of Iran in

1953. That's the work of our own CIA. So already, China has a better record in that region than we do, at least in terms of peace, international security and human rights. America has a lot to atone for as far as our own behavior in the Middle East, much more than China. Many scholars have pointed out that with heavy U.S. involvement in the Middle East, we lost sight of the entire Asian Pacific. And we will pay the piper.

And while Americans sulk in agony, constantly bemoaning the Chinese administration, they'll conveniently forget their own culpability in the decline of their very country. They didn't care when Bill Clinton was selling the Chinese our most classified military secrets and technology. They didn't care that he was doing so in exchange for millions in laundered campaign funds from the Lippo Group. Instead, they chewed it up. They cheered as he took the stage at the DNC, dancing to that ridiculous Fleetwood Mac song "Don't Stop."

So we brought this on ourselves by giving power

to leaders who not only aided and abetted the rise of China and Russia, but stood as great beneficiaries of it. Right this second, we are draining the coffers of our own military to defend Ukraine. And China's loving it because it reduces our capacity to fight in the first island chain and defend Taiwan. And now, Russia's world leading oil supply, and China's world leading military have surpassed the US and our NATO allies. Perhaps not in this very moment, but in the next decade. And while we sat on our laurels, China and Russia caught up.

Now, they will lead the 21st century, alongside their Middle Eastern oil producing powerhouses. We Americans can do nothing but watch. The world is about to start looking very different from here on out. We haven't realized this yet. But that's okay. America is just not a very good colonial power. But there are other things to be good at anyway. Now let's hope Xi and Putin take their new roles more seriously than we did.



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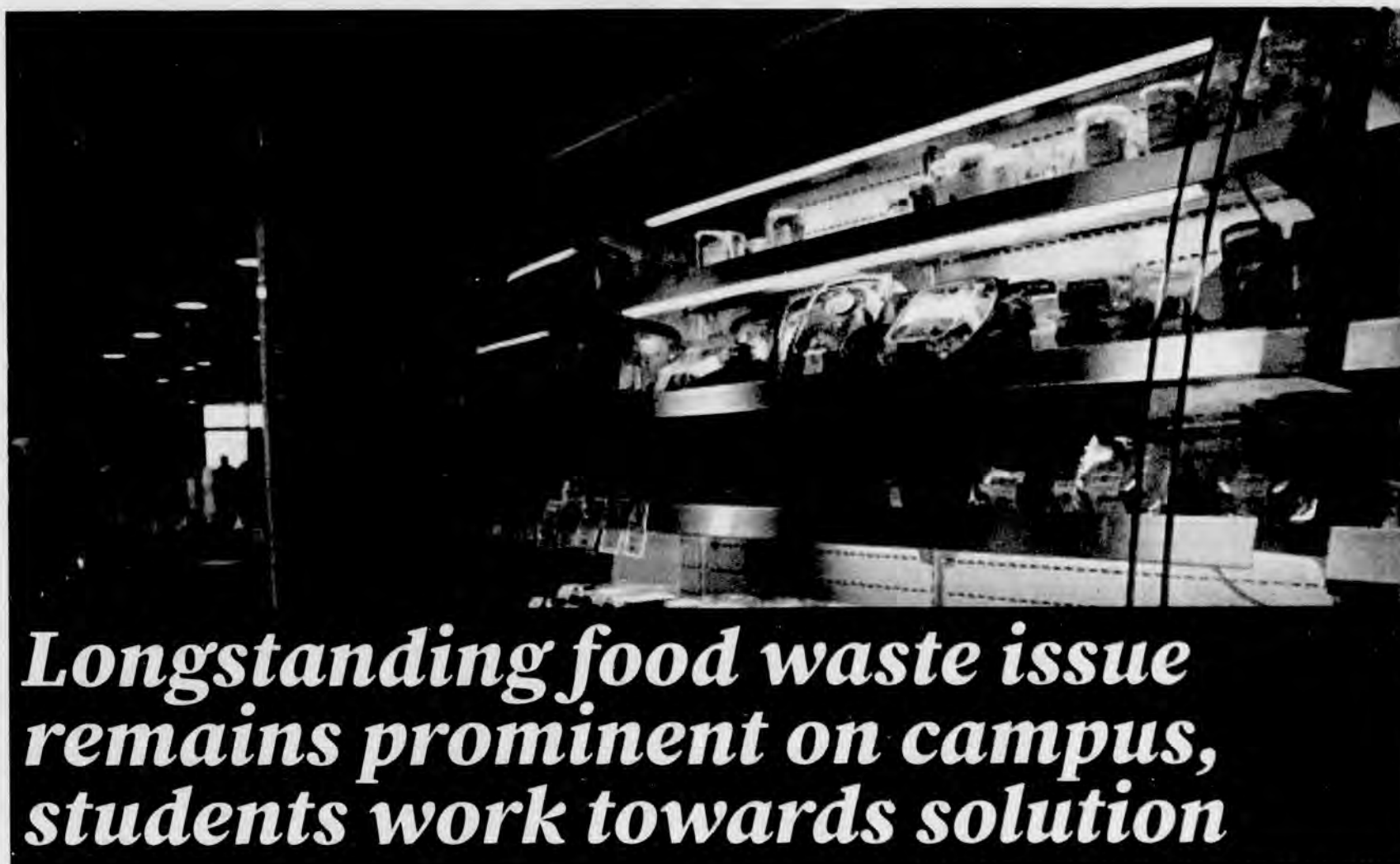
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## Longstanding food waste issue remains prominent on campus, students work towards solution

MADDIE HAMILTON, PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR / THE BUCKNELLIAN

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Bucknell Dining Services uses about 585 tons of raw food per year in campus's dining locations; but roughly 146 tons of prepared food is wasted by students and faculty dumping meals in the trash, according to Parkhurst Resident District Manager Carlos Soza.

Because Dining Services must make sure they don't run out of food, they are often forced to over prepare, Soza said. But with Dining's current practices, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Food Code restricts it from using any trashed food or donating it to animal farms. All of it ends up in landfills.

Under the Food Code, anything that isn't set out for service is

able to be repurposed for other meals, which Soza said happens often at Bucknell. Proteins such as chicken and pork are reused for salad and pizza toppings.

A group of students believe they can turn the wasted food into a renewable biofuel for campus.

### Past and present processes

The Bucknell community has been combating food waste problems for years. It was the reason Bostwick began their trayless program in 2011, which reduced waste by 150 pounds per day, and it inspired a number of honors theses around that same year.

Food waste is not only a Bucknell issue. The Environmental Protection Agency's 2018 Wasted Food Report found roughly 7.2

million tons was wasted by the national institutional sector that year, but less than one million tons of that is attributed to colleges and universities. Two-thirds of the total waste ended up in landfills.

In his 20 years at Bucknell, Biology Professor Steve Jordan has seen these recent changes but isn't sure they are substantial enough on the school's behalf.

"Sometimes progress is made, but it often feels like it's token progress," Jordan said. "One of the interesting things at Bucknell is I feel like the administration knows they can outwait students...so often there's just this long stalling game."

Jordan commended the school for the creation of the Bucknell Farm, but said many of his colleagues are demoralized because they have asked for other

environmentally friendly programs that have been rejected.

"If certain administrators don't want to see something happen, it just won't happen," he said. "I feel like that's been the case for a biodigester for proper composting of food waste."

Bucknell maintains a biodigester on campus, but it only processes food that was not touched by consumers. According to the sustainable dining webpage, it "converts consumer food waste to gray water that is then sent to a water treatment plant, removing the waste from a landfill."

Bucknell's wastewater goes to Lewisburg Area Joint Sewer Authority for treatment, where Manager Todd Oberdorf said the gray water is processed through their biodigester and sent to local farms as fertilizer. Jordan

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## Barbara F. Walter talks about Trump's indictment at final Speaker Series event

Michael Taromina  
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Barbara F. Walter '86, a leading scholar of civil wars and the author of New York Times bestseller "How Civil Wars Start (and How to Stop Them)," came to Bucknell on April 4 as part of the Bucknell Forum: the State of American Democracy.

The debate was moderated and Walter was introduced by University President John Bravman.

To start, President Bravman directed Walter's attention to the historic news of the day: the indictment of former President Donald Trump. In asking her thoughts about what this means for America, Walter said that this indictment is "healthy" for America and shows the strength in democracy by asserting no one, not even a president, is above the law.

"Democracies with institutions and laws that can constrain the concentration of power are the ones that prevent the abuse of power," Walter said.

Walter deliberated on the legitimacy and strength of this indictment, knowing there could be broader and clearer cut ones in the near future, but made certain that there are strict limits to what a president can and cannot do without escaping the law.

Bravman then moved the forum to the more general topic of civil conflict and the increase of it in America over the last decade. Walter went

into her extensive career in researching civil wars to work with the CIA to find countries that could be deemed politically unstable.

In researching various economic and geographical factors that increase a country's chances of going to civil war are ones that were anocracies, showing signs of democratic and autocratic regimes, and its pushing of identity politics over ideology.

"I could see in 2016, as a private citizen, the increase in identity politics and the push for an anocracy by political leaders," Walter said.

The data, though not completely successful, measures specific factors that affect civil war and measures it on a scale from -10 to 10, with 10 being the most democratic. Starting in 2016, with the unstable presidential election, the United States went from a 10 to a nine, then from a nine to a seven with a non-compliant executive branch to answer to the subpoenas made by Congress.

Finally, because of the tumultuous presidential election of 2020, the United States was downgraded to a 5, though it has made progress since then and jumped back up to a seven due to a pro-democratic administration in the White House.

President Bravman then asked Walter who starts civil wars; "The groups that tend to start a civil war are not those that have grievances, they are the ones that were politically

dominant and have declined substantially since then. They are the ones who fight to take their country back, which we saw on January 6," Walter said.

She also cited the political civil wars in Yugoslavia, the Philippines and the current political turmoil in Russia to further her argument.

Walter shared an interesting viewpoint on January 6, where she said she was "relieved" it happened because it showed "the cancer growing in America" in furthering our divide enough to go to civil war.

In regards to how a civil war would look in America if it happened today, Walter dismissed the idea of succession, "because red states could not economically survive without the money from blue states."

She instead brought up the idea of a 21st century "insurgency" and "decentralized" civil war, in which instead of military attacking a military, it is citizens attacking citizens though things such as church bombings and assassinations.

"You are trying to inflict as many costs on a group that you want to control as possible to either intimidate them into submission or convince them just to leave," Walter said.

A brief Q&A followed the forum where Walter discussed specific changes in her data and research over the years, and how things such as voting and social media are pushing the United States either towards or away from civil war.

## Student Government tells Bravman to address Black Student Union demands

Michael Taromina  
Assistant News Editor

Bucknell Student Government (BSG) unanimously approved a letter telling Bucknell University President John Bravman he should make a statement recognizing that he saw the Black Student Union's Letter and that he is working to fit their demands.

Bucknell Student Government President Sam Douds '25 described his "frustration" of the student body in regards to social diversity and Congress' deliberations during their April 2 meeting.

Douds said BSG can use its power to be the voice that amplifies the needs of students on this issue, as it has been doing for a while.

The senators and members of the House held a forum where they shared their views on the statement to send President Bravman. They primarily discussed how BSG will properly communicate the statement, what is a fair amount of response time to give and what will happen when President Bravman does respond. After the forum, the body passed the resolution.

During the conversation within the room regarding the statement, heads turned when a senior raised her voice to share that this is "the biggest thing she has seen BSG ever do."

Before the letter was approved, BSG also met with

Dining Services and discussed Congress's initiatives.

### Dining Services

The Dining Services Team presented their future endeavors — including renovations to the library café, kiosk installments in the Bison and a more convenient change to the guest swipes and Dining Dollars program — to Bucknell Student Government at their latest meeting.

Dining met with BSG for another session of Congress where they discussed their "aggressive" agenda, according to Douds.

After the presentation, Dining Services accepted questions, where many topics of discussion were brought up: how students can get involved with food provider contract updates, accommodations of multicultural foods in community dining places and additional inquiries into the Dining Dollars program.

Notably, the Dining Services Team said it is relying heavily on students to vanguard their improvements; however, they understand that in order to accommodate everybody, including staff, every change must be realistic.

This applies to hours of operation in regards to foot traffic, cooking recipes to fit the entire student population, proper quality checking

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# breaking the bubble

Madison Kurtz  
Senior Writer

## DOMESTIC

Last Monday, the University of Connecticut won the NCAA men's basketball national title over San Diego State University with a score of 76-59. The final game at NRG Stadium in Houston had the Aztecs winning early on, but in an 11-minute, eight-second stretch the team scored only five free throws and missed 12 consecutive shots from the field. By halftime, the Huskies went from down 10-6 to up 36-24 at halftime. This win is UConn's fifth NCAA men's basketball national title. The team won each of its six tournament games by at least 10 points, with its closest game being a 13-point win over the University of Miami in the national semifinals.

Last Tuesday, Donald Trump was arrested in Manhattan for his alleged role in a hush money payment scheme and cover-up involving adult film star Stormy Daniels that dates to the 2016 presidential election. Prosecutors alleged Trump was involved in an illegal conspiracy to undermine the integrity of the 2016 election. They argue he was part of an unlawful plan to suppress negative information and point to the \$130,000 payment to Daniels as evidence. The former president has denied any wrongdoing. This is the first time in the history of the United States that a current or former president has faced criminal charges. Despite his indictment, Trump is still able to run for president in the upcoming elections.

NASA has picked the next astronauts to visit the moon in Nov. 2024. The astronauts are NASA's Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover and Christina Koch, and Jeremy Hansen of the Canadian Space Agency. The mission, Artemis II, will build on the data collected by Artemis I, an uncrewed test mission completed last December. The chosen crew members will launch from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida and the mission will take approximately 10 days to complete. The Artemis program aims to pave the way for establishing a permanent lunar outpost that would allow astronauts to live and work in space long term. Achieving this would affect the plan that NASA and its partners are making to send the first humans to Mars. This mission will mark the first time humans have touched the moon's surface since the end of the Apollo program in 1972.

## INTERNATIONAL

Last Tuesday, Finland officially joined NATO, breaking the country's stance of neutrality that has been maintained since World War II. Finland has more than doubled NATO's border with Russia and is considered a valuable asset for NATO as it closes a security gap in northern Europe. The country also holds one of the best-prepared militaries in Europe and brings with it a deep knowledge of Russian affairs, gained through decades of balancing military ties with NATO and relations with Russia. This has caused much tension between Russia and the West. Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu told a military conference in Moscow that the West was escalating its confrontation with Russia. "Relations are destroyed...The United States is responsible for this" Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said.

U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen met at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in California last Wednesday, marking the first time a Taiwanese president has met with a U.S. House speaker on American soil. The meeting represents U.S. democratic solidarity and bipartisan support for Taiwan as well as pushback against China's attempts to internationally isolate the island. China's Communist Party has vowed to take Taiwan by force if necessary, claiming that the island as its own despite never having controlled it. The meeting sparks U.S. and Taiwan concerns about aggressive and destabilizing responses that China may take amid already heightened tensions between the United States and China.

## Students walk out of classes for Trans Visibility Day



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## BSG

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and managing of food and the consideration of people with dieting alterations.

After the questions, the Dining Services parted and Douds of BSG initiated the meeting with a roll call, approving the minutes from the last meeting, public comments and made time for an impromptu and brief birthday celebration.

### Budgeting and accountability

Before getting into the agenda at hand, executives spoke and complemented various initiatives from the making of upcoming events on campus, updating the website and profile pictures of BSG and working on the budgeting process for next year.

Douds then began his agenda with two resolution reminders: to "make Congress more accessible to the public" and "ease the strict protocol structure to allow for more sensible procurements."

The second one is a recommendation to help improve the culture around the Congress by giving more weight to House members

for community chairs to equalize the workload and "make everyone feel more included..."

Both resolutions were passed and approved.

After the vote, a second resolution was brought up to better the relationship between BSG and the Board of Trustees by having an annual and documented meeting to update the latter on what Congress is doing on campus.

This is primarily to "hold them accountable, when all the choices they [the Board of Trustees] are making directly affects all of us on a day-to-day basis."

After deliberation on the resolution, it was then approved unanimously.

To end the meeting, each committee board member shared their progress and future enterprises with the campus and specific classes.

Douds specifically described this session of Congress as "exciting," "hopeful," and "unprecedented in the modern timeline of Bucknell."

The next session of Congress will occur on April 23 at 4 p.m. in the ELC Forum.



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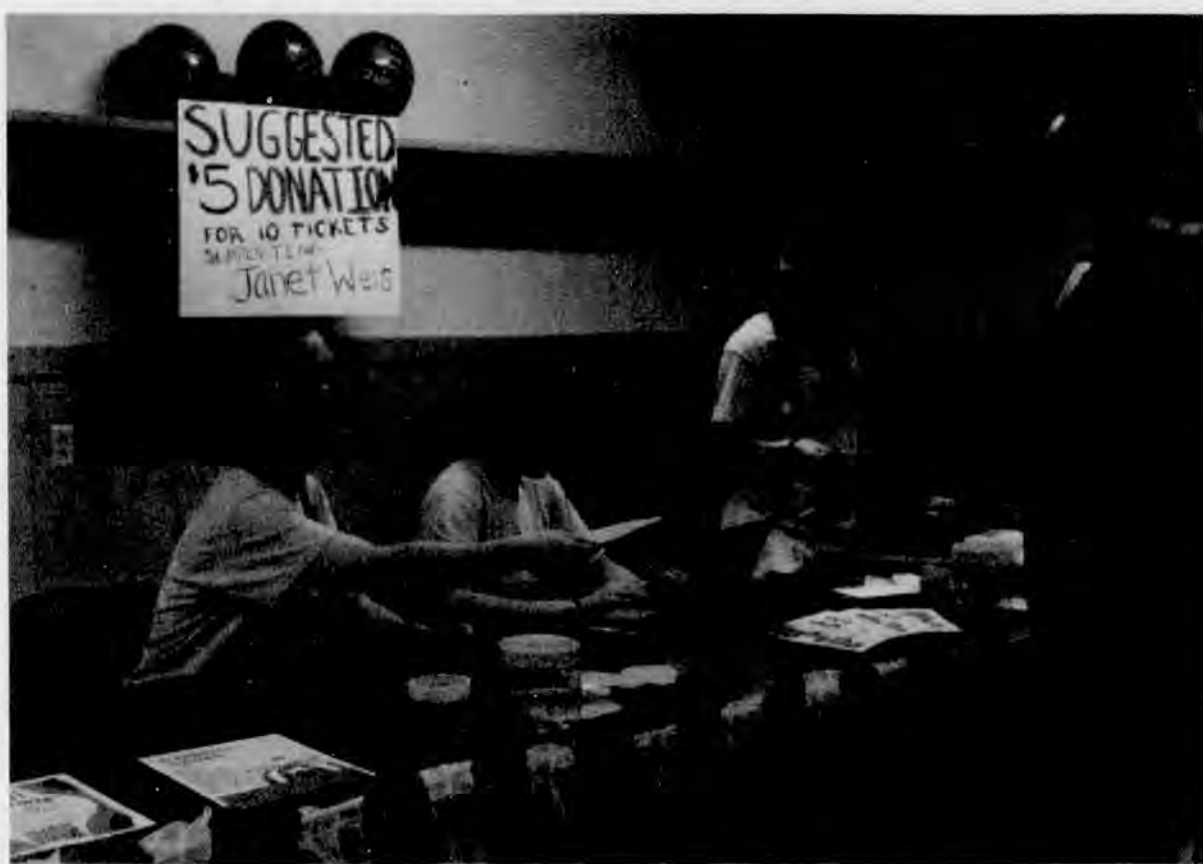
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## RAYthon raises \$10k for Janet Weis Children's Hospital



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Students at Bucknell hosted their RAYthon: Dancing for a Cause event on March 25 in Larison Hall.

The event lasted from 4-10 p.m., and all contributions were donated to Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville. The final tally was counted at 9:30 p.m. and the total raised was \$10,145.95.

The event had carnival games such as water-gun shooting, a ball throw, spin the wheel, a ring toss and miniature bowling, which participants would pay for via donations and special tickets. At the start of every hour, the participants would get together and do a line dance to several pieces of music, such as songs from the Greatest Showman, One Direction and social media platform TikTok.

Therapy dogs were also present early in the night and

offered emotional support for students. Students could also enjoy complimentary snacks, dinner, and desserts celebrating the event.

"The event is going well so far," Kylee Tucholski '25, who worked in external affairs for the event, said. "We could use a bit more attendance, but it's good seeing the people who worked hard on the event. Helping kids gives us the confirmation of our hard work paying off."

"The families are enjoying it, it's very heartwarming. I love to see the impacts we make on the children's lives," she said.

Performances from the night included groups such as a capella groups Beyond Unison and Two Past Midnight, dancers like the Redneck Rangers and the Bison Girls, and the improv club We Brake for Nobody.

"We're having a blast out here," Redneck Ranger Cole Zehe '23 said.

His fellow Rangers agreed. Miles Book '23 said, "We're here for a good time to raise money for a good cause."

Mandy Kaylor '25, one of the Bison Girls, said that the organizers "worked hard on everything, and it's great that the dance community came together to support the kids. There were professors, students and community members here."

"There's a wide range of talent. One of our main girls on the team has been doing a motivation dance at the top of every hour. I think it's been very successful," Kaylor said.

RAYthon was sponsored by Miracle Network Dance Marathon (MNDM), a "student-led, year-round philanthropic movement, uniting students from across the United States and Canada in raising critical funds for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals," according to their website.

T-shirts, water bottles and other merchandise was sold by MNDM.

## John Griffin '08 announced as Men's Basketball Head Coach

**Clara McCormick**  
Sports Editor

Bucknell Athletics held a press conference after announcing the new Men's Basketball coach to be John Griffin '08 this past Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. The press conference took place in the ELC and was followed by a reception in the Terrace Room in celebration of the new first-time head coach.

This announcement comes at a unique time, as the previous head coach Nathan Davis was declared to be "pursuing other opportunities" on March 2, just two days after the team's season ended. Davis had been the head coach of the program for eight years, as well as an assistant coach for the program from 2003-2008. Interestingly enough, Griffin mentioned that Davis recruited him to come to play at Bucknell.

Griffin has had to step into his old coach's role with a month left of school until summer break. Though this is seemingly a challenging feat for a first-time head coach, Griffin believes he has what it takes to lead the team.

"I acted like the head coach on day one of my coaching career," Griffin said.

Athletic Director Jermaine Truax described the alumnus as having the "it factor," which includes a "forward-thinking mindset," a "competitive spirit and work ethic" and having been around coaching his entire life.

Griffin spoke on his mind-set going into his new job. "I am excited, humbled but most of all grateful," Griffin said.

Griffin has quite the history with Bucknell Men's Basketball as both a

former player and a former assistant coach for the squad.

In the press conference, it was mentioned that Griffin was, in fact, involved with the team four years they made it to the NCAA tournament; these years being 2005 and 2006 as a player and 2017 and 2018 as an assistant coach.

During his time as a Bison from 2005-2008, Griffin scored 1,084 points and was team captain and First Team All-Patriot League during his senior year. Despite his success on the court, Jermaine was eager to share that he did not get this job due to his alumni status.

"My first statement to [Griffin] was that you were a tremendous player for us; you're an alum and people love you, but none of those will be the reasons you get this job," Truax said. "He is here because he's earned it."

The key to coaching, according to Griffin, is his communication, as he vowed to not go a day without communication with his players because his coaching style is "built around relationships."

Despite this past season ending in a heartbreaking fashion for the team, with the Bison falling 59-64 to the American Eagles in the first round of the Patriot League Tournament, Griffin is hopeful about the current men's abilities to succeed. He mentioned that he keeps telling the players, "this is going to be a process," and that there is not going to be "instant gratification" involved in their journey towards improving the team.

"We have some energetic and excited kids and I'm ready to get to work... I'm very appreciative that they've been open-minded to hearing my thoughts."

## One Herd One Day program earns more than \$1 million

**Maximus Bean**  
News Co-Editor

The annual One Herd One Day 24-hour giving challenge raised \$1,321,538 in an effort to fund Bucknell's varsity athletics program as well as multiple club sports and activities last week.

The program began at 10 a.m. on March 28, and concluded the following day.

The exact count of donors was 3,381 people, which averages out at about \$390.87 per person. Activities funded ranged from baseball to wrestling, in addition to a general area for the club sports.

According to the BucknellBison website, the program "is your opportunity to support students by giving to your favorite varsity sport, club sport or athletics' area of greatest need (Bison Athletics Fund for Excellence). If you are in a position to assist our teams, we respectfully ask you to make a gift during the giving challenge. When you do, you provide resources that shape championship experiences."

Many of the teams such as Baseball, Men's Crew, Women's Lacrosse and Women's golf met their fundraising goals, earning thousands of dollars.

"One Herd One Day 2023 was a critically important 24 hour period for our program in terms of fundraising, not so much for 'special,' or 'extra' things we could buy or do, but for operational sustainability," Men's Soccer Head Coach David Brandt said.

"The giving provided by alumni, parents, and friends of the program was exceedingly generous and provided us a

much-needed boost financially in this period of time where simply operating is getting more and more expensive for every organization in the country."

"One Herd One Day was incredible. It far exceeded my expectations. I feel that this says to the Women's golf team that our donors see how this program is growing and are excited to be part of our success. The Lady golfers are getting better every day. I look forward to the rest of our spring season and look forward to some great scores," Women's Golf head coach Laura Tyler-Cook said.

Dan Wolleben, head coach of Men's Crew said this year's One Herd One Day was their most successful fundraising year in 39 years of the program.

"One Herd One Day was a huge success for Men's Crew, surpassing our goals of 250 donors and \$80,000," Wolleben said. "For Men's Crew, fundraising is a crucial part of our success. Historically our annual budget is made up of about 20 percent student dues and 80 percent fundraising."

He continued, "and at the end of every year we have more new supporters, so that group is only growing, which makes thinking about the future exciting. These successes and milestones this year will allow us to continue to offer our student athletes a high level rowing experience, and remain successful on the national stage. The donations on One Herd One Day will allow us to cover all of our remaining planned expenses for the 2022-2023 academic year, while also thinking about what we can add to the program, and make next year even better."

## New phishing scheme found in student and faculty inboxes

**AP Howell**  
Staff Writer

After a much-anticipated break, the semester is once again beginning to ramp up, but so is a new phishing scheme. No, not catching fish in a pond; rather, a set of scam emails from what seem to be legitimate company or university addresses, but are actually from compromised or spoofed accounts.

In an attempt to better inform the student body of these new scams, Library and IT Client Support Specialist Rob Guissanie emailed students last week on March 21 warning of emails offering fake, high-paying, remote job opportunities and others offering fake checks which must be cashed immediately. While the text of these emails can be quite convincing, they are "highly likely" to be scams according to Guissanie.

There have been an increasing number of emails regarding phishing and other scams over the past semester after a number of Bucknell accounts became compromised around the start of the academic year. Since then, the trend has not slowed; according

to Information Security Program Manager Brandon Seymore, "these scammers are very smart."

They know what to say and how to say it in order to trick students into giving up some of their most personal information, but it is not just students they are targeting. Scammers today are finding it increasingly easy to target universities and companies at all levels. Seymour revealed that scammers often use "external compromised accounts" to contact student under the guise of recognizable faculty, staff, or administration, and are mostly motivated by the concept of taking your money. These are often called "Impersonation" and/or "Money Mule" scams, respectively. What is interesting with this is that Google will alert a user if they receive an email from an external source that it might be a scam.

The biggest issue Library and Information Technology (L&IT) specialists are facing with these scams is that people continue to fall for them despite the plethora of warnings they have been sending out all year. Currently, L&IT staff have been discussing the feasibility of launching a cybersecurity awareness training

program for the student community on campus. They did just this for faculty and staff on April 3, but further dissemination of this program will require greater consideration of what is and is not necessary to iterate to the student body.

For now, the biggest tip L&IT staff such as Seymore wants the community to know is, "university and company credentials are worth more to scammers now than a social security number" because they are easier to obtain in larger quantities, check they addresses of the emails you are receiving, do not approve a Duo push notification that you did not initiate, and hover over links first to make sure they are legit and will take you to the expected website. If an email asks for your password, your birthday, your banks information, or any other non-public personal information, pause and think about whether that email could actually be a scam. And if you are ever questioning the validity of any email you receive, as Technology Support Specialist Alison Morse says, "come to the Tech Desk," they would be more than happy to help you out.

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said he feels "a little bit misled" by the university's description of the process, and that he has a lot of questions based on their claim.

"Often [the waste] can't be used because it's full of toxins and things we flushed down the toilet or not good to put on our fields," Jordan said. It could just end up in a landfill anyway.

### Possibility of anaerobic digestion

One group of students is working to bring an anaerobic digester to Bucknell through their senior design project. The machine would use bacteria to break down organic matter and turn it into a number of potential energy producers, including methane.

Calista Noll '23, Sarah Frischmann '23 and Henry Novicki '23 said their machine would take both pre-consumer and post-consumer food waste and degrade it into biogas. That gas would power itself and potentially heat campus buildings.

"It's definitely something that has just a lot of positive impacts because it's reducing food waste on campus and at the same time it's generating electricity to help power buildings on campus,"

Noll said. "But then it also can positively impact the farm, the fertilizer so there's a lot of like components that are beneficial rather than negative."

The group said reaction from professors has been positive, with many saying they'd consider using the potential biogas as a living-learning space. Next the group needs to pitch the idea to the President's Sustainability Council and hear their feedback. Looking at other universities has proven helpful for the group.

Dickinson College, a private institution in Central Pa., turns their waste into reusable energy on campus through anaerobic digestion. The school uses that energy to power the same farm it gathers its organic material from.

The Environmental Protection Agency's report shows that 14 percent of the institutional waste nationwide was put through co-digestion/anaerobic digestion.

"It benefits a local community and it benefits the overall health of a school just by eliminating any waste leaving campus and then utilize it as a classroom for campus when we can take classes there," Novicki said.

## CAP Center kicks off last month of school with Flo Rida, Yung Gravy Concert



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The CAP Center and the Bucknell community welcomed Flo Rida and Yung Gravy to campus for the spring semester concert on March 31.

Doors opened at 7:00 p.m. and many students took the opportunity to line up hours prior, hoping to get a spot close to the stage.

Yung Gravy opened the show and sang some of his top hits including "C'est La Vie" and "Betty." Additionally, he threw out red roses to lucky audience members, and even gave out signed snack cakes and Lunchables.

"I thought Yung Gravy was kind of cringey and he talks much more than he raps," Hannah Davis '23 said. "Flo Rida brought a lot more energy to the crowd."

After Yung Gravy finished his setlist, students anxiously awaited the arrival of Flo Rida, who came out with a DJ and two backup dancers. He sang some of his most popular songs such as "Low," "Wild Ones," "Whistle," and "Right Round."

He threw out dollar bills to the audience, sprayed them with water guns and threw out roses too. He also chose to bring out a group of female and male students, including those in the CAP center who helped to get him to come to campus.

"It was really good," Marla Forfar '24 said. "The concert ran smoothly and we didn't have to wait very long for Flo Rida to come on. I think everyone had a good time and I liked that he incorporated students on stage during his performance."

Brendan Baganski '25 was one of the lucky students on stage during Flo Rida's performance.

"Getting the opportunity to be on stage with Flo Rida as he was performing one of his best songs was an incredible experience," Baganski said. "The energy was electric and something I will never forget. Shoutout to Brent Papson for making it possible and to the entire concert committee for all the work they do."

Both Flo Rida and Yung Gravy were given Bucknell jerseys that they threw out into the audience, with Yung Gravy's jersey landing itself in a lucky fan's hands by the end of his performance.

This concert ran differently than other ones Bucknell has hosted because they decided to hold the performance in Sojka Pavilion rather than the Field House, similar to when Swae Lee performed last semester.

This gave audience members the option to stand or sit on the bleachers as they watched the performance. Lastly, as always,

students could get their tickets for free but for the first time, they could buy an additional ticket for \$25, and then the tickets opened to the general public at \$40. Bucknell concerts are not usually open to anyone but students.

To hear about the planning process of this concert, the Bucknellian spoke to Julia Frederickson '24, president of the concert committee.

"There were many things we had to do in the weeks and especially days leading up to their arrivals," Frederickson said. "In the weeks leading up to it, we were tabling in the ELC and library, posting content on our Instagram page (@bucknellconcerts), doing chalk outside upper and lower ELC and hanging up posters / flyers around campus trying to spread the word."

"We wanted to ensure that as many Bucknell students as possible would claim their tickets," Frederickson continued. "As the event date came closer, we had to help build the stage, and hang up signs throughout Sojka explaining where the artists' dressing rooms, bathrooms and merch areas were. The most fun part was getting to decorate their dressing rooms with the food and other things they specially requested! It was a great night and the committee is so happy that so many Bucknellians were able to come to the concert."

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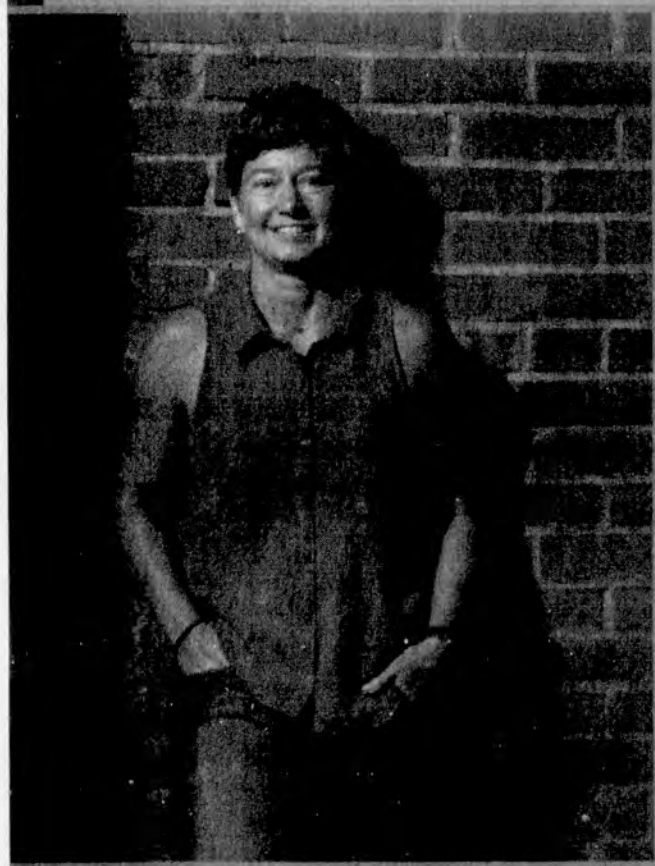


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## What's with the noisy dorms?

Abbey Nay  
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Every night I'm kept awake by my hall-mates, who never fail to produce an incessant barrage of noises. I don't need to tell you that dorm walls are as thin as your dad's hair, but sometimes things get so loud that I'm unsure if the noises even came from human beings. For the sake of my sanity and my fellow dorm lives across campus, I decided to put on my detective hat and figure out what all the hubbub was about. Here are the three most common noisy things people are doing in their dorms at night and some solutions for you if you're wanting to get to bed.

### Crying

This one seemed obvious to me until I figured out what everyone was crying about. Rather than being overwhelmed with the amount of work they have, students are upset when they finish it. Orgo students haven't ben'seen' enough. People in Management 101 don't know how to manage their free time. English majors' fingers miss their keyboards. Solution: Hey Professors! Give your students what they want! The reading is only ten pages long? Make it twenty! The homework is only fifteen questions? Make it thirty! The eight-page paper is due in a week? Make it a ten-page paper due in three days!

### Scooter Racing

Folks, the electric scooter phenomenon has infiltrated the indoors. I've not yet converted to transportation by way of scooter - I prefer the archaic artform of walking to take me from class to class, but I have to say, inside

scooter races seem to be quite the thrill for dorm lives these days. Most halls can only fit two people across and they only get up to about five miles an hour until they have to stop at the end, but these races have been garnering quite the crowd. Solution: I'm not advocating for thievery, but I don't think it would be a bad thing if scooter batteries and chargers started to go missing. An electric scooter with a dead or missing battery is a glorified Razor scooter and watching people scoot around like they're seven years old again would be rather lame. And on the practical side of things, there's now use for all the extra banana peels and turtle shells I know we all have laying around.

### Operating an 1860s Era Printing Press

I was shocked to find out that people were able to find and afford an antique printing press. But I have to say, it's a pretty good idea. Using a printing press can be laborious, but I was reassured that it's the fastest way to print things on campus. To be sure, I timed it. Setting the typeface, making a stereotype plate, inking and sending the spool of paper through the machine took less time than waiting for one of the Follow-Me printers to work after scanning my ID. I can't say I'm surprised. Solution: The simple answer would be to get reliable printers. I don't know if this will be fixed though, so if you want something printed on time for class, I guess you'll have to invest in some earplugs

## Students Blame Lateness on Influx of Tour Groups - Acceptable Excuse?

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It's that time of year again, Bucknellians - admissions season. While we obviously all love Bucknell and do not regret our decision to come here at all, high school seniors are still trying to figure out where they want to go for college. To try and brainwash students from rich white families into giving the school \$80,000 a year in tuition - I mean, to attract a diverse and eclectic group of students from all over the world - Bucknell has been offering countless admissions tours recently.

These tours are designed to show off the best that Bucknell has to offer. From hyping up very questionable food and limited dining options from the Bostwick Marketplace, to showing off a library that has the most fluorescent lighting on the planet, these tours are definitely geared toward oblivious incoming students. However, this means that current student needs are going by the wayside, which is something that never happens at Bucknell.

One common student complaint has been that the influx of tour groups has created such an immense traffic flow throughout campus that current students cannot navigate to their classes quickly enough.

"It's so annoying that professors are marking me late, even though it's not my fault," geography major Clue Less said.

Through numerous student-run campaigns and protests, the issue made its way all the way up to President Bravman. In a press conference last week, President Bravman addressed the problem

head-on, laying out his plan to solve the issue.

"I'm implementing what I call a 'funnel strategy' this year," Bravman told reporters who traveled as far as three miles on their state-of-the-art horses and buggies. "We're gonna over-admit students again, which means that we have to go pedal to the metal with these admissions tours. Then, my plan with the extra tuition money is to build an on-campus monorail system that will take students and transport them to their classes. We've asked freshman economics classes to look over our current budget analysis for the new system," Bravman said. "At our current rate, we need to raise \$3 billion dollars within the next eight months to meet our current fundraising goal, most of which will come from tuition."

At this point, Bravman unveiled some concept art of the new monorail system. However, the picture just showed the People Mover attraction at Disney World, as several sources were able to identify Cinderella's Castle in the background using forensic DNA technology.

Unfortunately, the new system means yet another tuition increase. To raise funds, Bravman also said that student organization dual accounts will now be abolished and that all club fundraising efforts will go to the Bucknell People Mover, which should arrive in late Spring 2036.

So students, we no longer need to be worried about being late to class ever again - President Bravman has our backs!

## Students panic as lab monkeys form union one week before exam

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Lab monkeys, stray cats, Bucknell squirrels...what do these things have in common? They are all wild animals that live on Bucknell's campus. However, unlike the stray cats and the squirrels, lab monkeys are kept in cages and are used for student research. Up until recently, these monkeys were docile. But, after participating in a student's invasive independent study nicknamed "DK Ultra," tensions rose and the monkeys went on strike. They have even hired a lawyer to help in their fight for independence.

Jacob Geronimo has offered to serve as the monkeys' lawyer and has made a statement about his decision, saying, "These monkeys have been exploited through violent experiments that sacrifice their safety to raise students' GPAs. I will represent every monkey I see from chimpanzee to chimpanzee."

The group of unionized monkeys, nicknamed "Monkey see monkey want to do," has made multiple

demands in their fight for rights on campus. For starters, they want to be paid the Pennsylvania minimum wage, which is two elfbars and a Josh Shapiro "Good Job!" sticker. They have also asked for a retirement plan and adequate health insurance. In addition, they requested that a monkey be accepted into Bucknell. I asked for an interview with the inquisitive ape, named "George," and was able to arrange one after bribing him with a Flyson Chicken and Waffle sandwich. Here is how it went:

Me: It is so nice to finally meet you!

George: Pleasure is all mine. Also, that Chicken and Waffle sandwich is a gamechanger.

Me: Hits every time.

George: The guy who came up with that should get a raise from minimum wage to Pennsylvania's living wage of three mega-million lottery tickets and a John Fetterman "Dr. Oz is My Son!" pin.

Me: Speaking of food, are you a banana supporter?

George: I only indulge on the weekends. Addiction runs in my family.

Me: Ah I see, so why do you want to come to Bucknell?

George: For one, to make sure my brothers are not exploited. I also want to get a good education so I can become a lawyer and represent my tribe in our fight for equality.

Me: Those all sound like fair reasons to me. Wait, so your name is George? Like Curious George?

George: ...

Me: You know, like the show. With the guy with the yellow hat.

George: ...

The interview ended as I was pelted with George's feces for about 10 minutes for being "insensitive." I thought he would run out of feces but he never did. Overall, I think George would make a great addition to the Freeman College of Management, as the program is.

## Breaking news: The Flyson flies away!

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The Flying Bison, highly regarded as the most versatile food joint on campus, is a national treasure among Bucknell's student population. With its hot-and-ready food that is perfect to take on the run, the Flyson simply does it all. It consistently delivers its product to a diverse group of consumers, whether drunk, sober, or anywhere in between.

On Friday, March 31, though, everything changed.

The night started off normal for Bo Ling Ball '23. He was carried away by the extravagant festivities of the night, and before he knew it, it was 12:30 AM. The Bison and caf were closed, and he needed a midnight snack. This was the perfect time to make a trip to the Flyson.

Bo ordered the usual: the infamous nacho tots. He joined the 50 other students in the crowd and listened for his order to be called. And he waited. And waited. And waited. Soon enough, satisfied Bucknellians walked away with their food, but Bo

found himself the only one still waiting.

Perplexed, Bo asked the man in the window where his order was, and to his dismay, the worker replied, "sorry kid, we're all out of food."

Bo could hardly contain his anger. He gave the side of the Flyson an angry kick and began his back to his dorm.

Right before he ascended the stairs to the quad, a metallic clanking noise filled the air. Bo turned back around to face the Flyson, and was perplexed at the sight of wings sprouting from either side of the truck. Judging from the confusion written all over the workers' faces, it struck Bo that his careless kick was what set off the contraption. "EVERYBODY OUT!" screamed a panicked worker.

Bo sprinted back down the hill, but his attempts to save the innocent workers were in vain. The Flyson flew away, and the workers were still inside! With a tumultuous blast, the vehicle rose vertically into the air and rose higher, higher, higher into the

stratosphere and showed no signs of coming down. Within seconds, the Flyson was out of sight and the workers' screams were undetectable.

Horried, Bo thought, "Did I just do that? Has the Flyson always been able to fly?" A terrible tragedy had just taken place, and a lump formed in the culprit's throat. He needed to keep this a secret, or else he could be facing some serious jail time. After all, a handful of innocent people just floated away out of sight, and on his watch. The last thing he needed was a person in power to find out about this.

"Would free tuition keep this between you and me?"

Bo spun around. It was John Bravman. He had a remote control in his hand.

"Why would you..." stammered Bo.

"Do you want the free tuition or not?"

Bo grinned. He didn't even care about Bravman's motives for such an evil plan.

"I could really use some nacho tots."

## PSA: Yung Gravy stole our moms

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"ATTENTION BUCKNELLIANS, This is a Public Service Announcement notifying all current students, faculty and staff members that Bucknell has officially entered a lockdown. Students are not to leave their dorm rooms except to go to their building's front door to retrieve their DoorDash orders, until further notice. Should students need to relieve themselves, they are to utilize their roommate's garbage can as a makeshift waste receptacle. Thank you.

Yours truly,  
Antoine E. Smorgin"

This past Saturday, Bucknellians awoke from their drunken weekend slumbers and discovered this letter taped to their doors. Why was there a lockdown? Had the squirrels multiplied to the point where it was no longer safe to walk to class without being attacked? Students opened YikYak to find out.

PSafe officers leaked that students were forced to remain

in their rooms while a criminal investigation took place on campus. As Smorgin himself explained, "Yung Gravy is under investigation regarding 23 kidnappings that occurred on campus last night. Until we find him and his DJ follower, it is not safe to wander about."

As it turns out, 53 women between the ages of 35 and 60 have been reported missing from their Lewisburg homes since the concert last weekend. To avoid DDing from the bars all night, PSafe officers joined forces with Union county deputies to crack this case. PSafe offered Yung Gravy and Flo Rida's names as potential suspects since the two of them were spotted at Amami looking suspicious that morning. Flo Rida was eliminated as a potential suspect, officers claiming that his aura just gave them a good feeling that they never, never, never, never had before. On the other hand, Yung Gravy's inspiring performance suggested

that he may be less innocent than we previously believed.

All who attended the concert witnessed Gravy scheme his diabolical plan long before any mothers were displaced. During his song entitled "Cheryl," Gravy articulates clear motives that indicate he is the mastermind behind the abductions. There have also been reports of women being kidnapped who don't live near Bucknell. Why, then, would Gravy be a suspect? Upon further examination, the police realized that 78% of women's kidnappings from the previously mentioned age group were mothers of current Bucknell students!

If only Gravy had signed up for Bucknell Matchmaking, he could have been in a happy, healthy relationship with someone more appropriately aged rather than abducting multiple potential love interests for himself, and abducting our mothers. Until Gravy is located and detained, stay safe out there, Bucknellians.



# Bucknell Theatre & Dance Tells the Story of Oscar Wilde



by Bryan M. Vandevender

Bucknell's Theatre and Dance Program presented one of their Spring 2023 productions, "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde" this past weekend from March 31 to April 2. Oscar Wilde was a well renowned novelist, playwright and screenplay writer in the late 19th century, known for works such as "The Picture of Dorian Gray" and "The Importance of Being Earnest." Wilde was fortunate that his works were successful during his lifetime, but when he was tried for "gross indecency" in 1895, his popularity made the trial very high profile.

The extensive play retells the three trials that occurred, utilizing language and writing from the time. The "gross indecency" in question referred to an acquisition made by the Marquess of Queensbury (C. F. Gould '23) that Oscar Wilde (Reid Fournier '24) was a "posh sodomite." This was written on a card left by the Marquess at Wilde's club, comically referring to him as a "sodomite," which accused Wilde of consensual homosexual sex that was illegal at the time.

"When I chose Gross Indecency as my directing project for this academic year, I had no idea it would be so timely," Bryan M. Vandevender, Theatre & Dance professor, wrote in his director's note. Vandevender refers to the recent overturning of the Roe v. Wade decision, and other progressive legal decisions, such as allowing same-sex marriage, may also be relevant.

The motivation for the Marquess's accusation is because his son, Lord Alfred Douglas (Douglas Calderwood '24), had been in contact with Wilde through seemingly romantic letters. The trial, rather than the Marquess being the prosecutor, was actually initiated by Wilde's lawyer, Clarke (Bethany Fitch '23), trying the Marquess for libel. Clarke suggested that Wilde instead go abroad to escape the accusations, but Wilde insisted on defending his honor in court.

Fitch expressed feelings about the play similar to those of Vandevender. "This play is incredibly timely, especially with the threats at reversing court decisions that uphold gay marriage and ban anti-sodomy laws," Fitch said. "Although it is tough to witness a threat of history repeating itself, this play really allows us to grapple with these issues. It was also generally really interesting to do a play that is so rooted in history, that is made up almost entirely of court transcripts and other historical accounts, and embody actual people. It was an honor to be able to tell this story."

Fitch also commented on the experience of performing a play composed of mostly male characters. "I've never had to play with male physicality for a role before, and I think a lot of my cast members can relate to this," she said. "Although we weren't trying to convince anyone I was a man, I had to embody the way a man would move and behave in late Victorian England and this was really fun to play with."

During the trial, Wilde attempted to justify his letters from an artistic and poetic perspective, but the argument didn't hold. The defendant's lawyer, Carson (Ana Eckert '26), asserted that he had multiple male witnesses that could testify, and Clarke advised Wilde to drop the case.

After leaving the court, Wilde was later arrested on the basis of gross indecency and sodomy and tried once again. This time, the four men, all in their early twenties like Douglas, were brought forward to testify (Adam Walker '26, Matthew Alexander '26, John Wallace '25, Gabe Gross '25). While their stories certainly brought forward valuable evidence concerning their relationship with Wilde, they were also faced with ample interrogation from Wilde's lawyer, resulting in a messy trial.

In the third and final trial, Wilde was finally convicted and sentenced to two years in prison with hard labor. He was separated from his wife and children and scarcely wrote after imprisonment.

The play closes out with a dramatic reading of one of Wilde's poems, lines split among all the actors in the cast.

Fournier told The Bucknellian about the experience of playing this weighty role.

"My favorite part of this show was probably the challenge of bringing Oscar Wilde to life to the fullest extent possible," he said. "In order to truly touch people with his story, it was crucial that I embodied his character and made him authentic. Only then can an audience connect to Oscar through time and space, which are 'merely accidental conditions of thought [that] the imagination can transcend' if given the opportunity (from De la Beauté). It was a lot of fun learning his mannerisms, his demeanor, and stepping inside his shoes."

"One really interesting thing about this show is that it isn't linear," Fournier said. "Rather than a direct storyline with normal dialogue between characters, it's constructed almost completely out of textual evidence from biographies, diaries, case files and historical records. I had never worked with elements of meta-theatre to this extent before."

Oscar Wilde



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# sports

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## Softball falls 0-3 in series against Lehigh

Charlotte Dursee  
Staff Writer

The Bison traveled to Lehigh University for a three game series starting Saturday morning. Madison Roukey '25 started for the Bison in the circle. Both teams were unable to put any points on the board at the end of the first inning. Lehigh had some action, two hits, but were unable to convert.

The Bison let up two runs in the second half, but were stopped at home before scoring their third. The Bison had two hits in their frame of the third inning from Annabella Hawkins '24 and Haley Speicher '26. A fly-out closed out the third inning.

Hunter Vestal '24 entered the game as a relief pitcher at the bottom of the third. Right away, Lehigh pulled off three straight hits. Lehigh brought in their third run from a single and a double. A single placed runners on first and second. A steal and sacrifice bunt then put up another run. A sacrificed squeeze gave them their fifth run. The inning finally came to an end, but Lehigh created themselves a good cushion for the rest of the game.

MaKenzie Hilling '25 and Noelle Gardon '24 both walked in the top of the fourth but nothing came from it. Lehigh added another run.

In the top of the fifth the Bison started counter-attacking. It started with Hawkins walking and Chase Knapp '23 laying a sacrifice bunt. A single from Speicher put runners on third and first for Zoie Smith '24 at bat. Smith singled down the left-field line and brought home Hawkins. Savannah Jones '25 walked, putting runners on each base. Hilling struck out, Gardon walked and Marissa Rapino '26 grounded out to bring in the Bison's second run of the game before the inning ended.

Both teams had minimal action for the rest of the game. The game ended as a victory for Lehigh, 6-2.

Later that day in their second matchup, Jones started in the circle. The first three innings consisted of two hits by Lehigh. Both ends had impressive pitching performances. The first run came in the fourth inning for



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Lehigh. A single and sacrifice bunt put a Lehigh runner on second. A double down the left field line helped bring in the first runner. Jones helped defend from any other runs.

The Bison attempted to equalize the score in the fifth inning. Hilling led off with a walk, followed by a bunt from Gardon's to put Hilling on second. Angelina Seropian '26 had a fielding error, but a pop up soon ended the inning.

Lehigh added another run in the bottom of the fifth inning. Three singles in a row loaded the bases for Lehigh. Knapp dove to keep a hit a single that was an RBI putting Lehigh up 2-0.

In the bottom of the sixth, Lehigh continued putting runs on the scoreboard. Kaiya Burton '23 came into pitch after an error and a single. Burton had a throwing error that let up another run. A wild pitch and a fly ball by Lehigh allowed two more runs. The Bison made

attempts to score but ultimately ended up sling 6-1.

The Bison and Mountain Hawks picked back up the next morning. Olivia Marinelli '23 pitched for the Bison. Neither team had much action in the first inning. Lehigh had two base runners but nothing came about due to impressive defense.

Lehigh put up two runs in the top of the third inning. Vestal soon came in to relief pitch and finished the inning with no more runs let up. The Bison had some action in the top of the third inning. With two outs, Rapino walked and Speicher singled. Hilling hit a ball straight up that landed at home plate.

Miscommunication on Lehigh's part allowed for Rapino to score but Hilling was thrown out on her way to second. The inning ended with the score 2-1.

Lehigh came close to scoring again in the bottom of the third. They had runners

on third and first, but Vestal stayed calm in the circle and struck out two straight batters to end the inning.

The Bison came close to tying the score when Knapp singled and stole second. However, the inning came to a close on a swinging strikeout. Lehigh added another run in the fourth inning. A double started the inning from Gardon, but she remained on the bases, as the batters made three straight outs.

Jones entered the circle to close out the game. Lehigh added two more runs in the fifth inning. A couple singles later and the Mountain hawks were up 5-1. The Bison's last attempt to score came from Elena Horn '25 who pulled off a single in the seventh inning but nothing came about. The Bison lost 5-1.

The Bison's next series takes place Easter weekend against Army.

## Upcoming Events

### Men's and Women's Track and Field

- Lehigh Invitational 04/07-04/08

### Women's Rowing

- Saint Joseph Invitational 04/08

### Women's Tennis

- vs. Lehigh 04/08 12 p.m.

### Softball

- vs. Army 04/08 12 p.m.

### Baseball

- vs. Lafayette 04/08 12 p.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

- vs. Lehigh 04/08 1 p.m.

### Men's Tennis

- vs Loyola 1/30 6pm

### Women's Golf

- St. John's Invitational 04/10

### Men's Golf

- Wildcat Invitational 04/10

## Women's Lacrosse hosts Lehigh

Jamilie Atiyeh  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Women's Lacrosse hosted Patriot League opponent Lehigh University (7-4, 2-3) this past Saturday afternoon at a warm but windy Graham field.

There were great statistics seen across the board for the Bison. Bucknell's Emily Baird '24 scored four goals as a top team scorer, followed by a season-high goal total of three by Caroline Miller '23. Aliza Thir '25 and Katie Browne '26 added two points apiece.

On the defensive end, Ella Payer '23 scooped up seven ground balls (one shy of the Bucknell single-game record), six draw controls and four caused turnovers.

As the weather took a turn for the worse, the game started out in favor of the Mountain Hawks that scored three in the first six minutes of the first half. A group of four provided 14 of 17 goals for Lehigh who held the ball for a lengthy period of the game thanks to a 22-12 edge in draw controls.

Down 5-1, back-to-back goals from Brown and Thir narrowed their deficit to two, but the Bison did not manage to come closer in the remainder of the game.

With 5:40 to play, the Bison crept within three at 14-11 with a goal by Alex Nesbitt '26 from the eight-meter arc.

Following this, Bucknell gained possession, but the ball

turned over, and Lehigh continued to score three in a row, totaling the score to 17-11.

Lehigh's goalie made eight saves, while Bucknell's Symone Ryans '23 stopped seven Mountain Hawk shots.

Baird had a stellar performance scoring four-goals for the third time this season, which leveled her to the 20-goal mark for the first time in her career.

The Bison extended its school record to 10 straight games scoring 10 or more goals. "Lehigh's always been a strong team and they're consistently towards the top of the conference," Jamie Tsao '23 said. "I think our team has definitely grown from last season, and, even from the beginning of this season, we've shown that in our performances. Unfortunately, Lehigh came out really strong and we weren't able to adjust until the second half. We were playing catch up from the start and ran out of time at the end. Our second half was strong, and the game was close, but the first quarter just hurt us. The opportunities were there, but just too late to come back from being down so early."

Keep your eyes peeled for the Bison, as they bring out their horns against nationally ranked Army West Point next Saturday.

## Women's Water Polo faces CWPA League opponents

Brooke Tracey  
Senior Writer

The Bison Women's Water Polo team traveled to New England this past weekend to face-off against three ranked CWPA League opponents. They started the weekend against number seven Princeton and number 14 Harvard on Saturday, April 1 in Cambridge, Mass. The Orange and Blue then closed out the weekend in Providence, R.I. against number 21 Brown. The Bison fought hard in all three matches but ended the weekend 0-3.

The Bison opened up against Princeton, who came out on fire from the opening whistle. The Tigers opened up the scoring, with two quick goals. Bella Schraa '26 got the Orange and Blue on the board soon after, cutting the deficit 2-1. This was not enough to slow the Tiger attack, however, as they scored four more goals in the first quarter. Heading into the second quarter, the Tigers scored two more goals followed by another Schraa goal. Princeton added four more goals throughout the quarter, while the Orange and Blue found the back of the net twice off Isabelle Monaghan '24 and Gwen Kallmeyer '26 goals. The Bison entered halftime down 12-4, and this would be the closest they would get to the Tigers, who tallied eight more goals in the third and fourth quarters to earn a 20-4 victory.

The Bison returned to face Harvard later the same day. While maintaining a close goal margin, the Orange and Blue were unable to overcome the Crimson attack throughout the match. The Bison were only able to put up seven

goals to Harvard's 19, leading the Crimson to victory.

The Orange and Blue ended the weekend against Brown. Looking to rebound from Saturday, the Bison came out on fire with a 5-1 lead in the first quarter. There were four different goal-scorers for the Bison this quarter from Chloe Smith '23, Bella Moynihan '23, Schraa and two from Kallmeyer. In the second quarter, Brown caught up to the Bison, scoring five goals and taking the lead 6-5 into halftime. The Orange and Blue continued to stay in the game in the third quarter, scoring two more goals to Brown's three. It was not until the fourth quarter that Brown pulled away with a 14-9 victory.

"This weekend's games tested our physicality facing some of the most aggressive teams on the east coast," Schraa said. "We did well adjusting to the physicality along with improving a lot on the offensive and defensive plays we have been working on during practice." Heading into the last push of the season, the team "will continue to work on conditioning, defensive shot blocking, finishing our shots and our mental toughness."

The Bison are on the final stretch of their 2023 season, as they travel to Ann Arbor, Mich. in two weeks to play their final regular-season CWPA matches. The Bison will rematch against Harvard and Princeton on Saturday, April 15 with match times set for 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. They will then close out the weekend against Brown on Sunday, April 16 at 9 a.m.



## Bison Baseball on the road

Lauren Medeiros  
Senior Writer

Over the weekend, Bucknell Baseball played five games. The Bison had two double headers against Army and Holy Cross and one game against Penn State.

Bucknell traveled to West Point, N.Y. on Sunday, April 2 to play two games against Army. The overall record was split, as Army won the first game 7-0 and Bucknell clinched the second game 11-7.

Before their game against Army, Bucknell was on a seven-game winning streak. Unfortunately, in the first match-up, Bucknell was unable to score a run. However, two of Bucknell's three hits were doubles off the bats of Chris Klein '23 and Jake Wortman '23. During this game, Chris DiFiore '23 and Hadley Maxwell '26 pitched for the Bison.

Heading into the second game that day against Army, the Bison were motivated to come back against their opponent. Grant Voytovich '24 connected four out of five pitches he was thrown and hit his fourth home run of the season. Tyler Dunn '25 went three for five and Sean Keys '25, Billy Kender '25 and Kyle Lyons '23 all had two hits.

In this second game, Coach Scott Heather shuffled his lineup in the middle section and the trio of Keys, Dunn and Voytovich went nine for 14 with five RBIs and eight runs scored.

After Keys earned a walk, Dunn smashed a home run over the right wall, making the score 3-0. Later in the fourth, the Bison picked up two more runs.

In the sixth inning, Kender hit a two-run double and scored on another hit by Klein to make the score 8-4.

Finally, in the seventh, Voytovich hit a two-run shot over the center wall to widen

the score 10-4, and Keys followed up with one more homer in the ninth, making it his sixth homer of the season. After the final inning of play for both teams, the score ended 11-7, favoring Bucknell.

The next day, on Monday, April 4, the Bison made their way up to Worcester, Mass where they played two games against Holy Cross. Unfortunately for Bucknell, they were defeated in both games 7-4 and 12-8.

Throughout the first four innings, the Bison were scoreless and down 5-0. However, at the start of the fifth inning, Kender hit a double and got the ball rolling for the Bison. Wortman was able to drive Kender home with his single hit. After, Wortman scored off of a long ball hit into center-field by Lyons. Finally, Anthony Sherwin's '24 infield hit made it a 5-3 game.

At the top of the sixth inning, the Bison left the bases loaded and Holy Cross took advantage and added two big runs. Later, Voytovich singled home a run in the seventh and final inning to gain one more point for the Bison.

After the first game ended, Bucknell regrouped before taking on Holy Cross again. Once the match began, Holy Cross wasted no time before grabbing the lead. The Crusaders gained a 10-0 lead after back-to-back three-run innings in the fifth and sixth.

The Bison finally joined the scoring with five runs in the seventh inning and three more in the eighth. Lyons, Kender, Keys and Klein all had two hits each for the Bison and totaled 14 hits overall in the game.

After a long two days on the road, Bucknell traveled back

to Pennsylvania. Only an hour and 15 minute drive from campus, the Bison drove to Penn State. Luckily, Bucknell turned their luck around from the previous match-up and defeated Penn State 17-14. This game was by far the most wild game of the season.

Throughout the game, Voytovich went four for six at bat and earned his second-inning grand slam that helped the Bison take an early 7-0 lead.

Keys also drove in six runs with a three for five night along with Sherwin and Jacob Corson '24, adding three hits and scoring four runs each.

With Bucknell's gaping lead, Penn State chipped away at the early deficit. However, the Bison held onto the lead, and after a four-run eighth inning were up 13-9.

Unfortunately, disaster struck at the bottom of the eighth inning when Penn State took advantage of two errors. three bases and scored six runs. Suddenly, the Nittany Lions had a 14-13 lead, their first of the night.

Voytovich tied the game with an RBI single at the top of the ninth with Keys following with a three-run home run to send the team to a crazy victory.

Overall, the Bison finished the game with 17 hits in the game, and scored their most runs ever against Penn State in a series that dates back to 1886. Bucknell used five pitchers in the game, while Penn State used eight.

This Saturday, April 8, Bucknell will travel to Easton, Pa. to play a three-game series at Lafayette. This match-up will conclude the Bison's eight-game road trip.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Meghan Quinn '24

## Profile

### Sport

Track and Field

### Hometown

Lititz, Pa.

### High School

Warwick H.S.

### Position

Sprints



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Caleb Wooten  
Staff Writer

Meghan Quinn '24 cemented her legacy as one of the best Bucknell sprinters of all time this weekend, setting three school records at the Colonial Relays. The star junior shattered the 100-meter and 200-meter dash records, and was also a member of the 4x400-meter relay as part of her historic weekend.

Additionally, Quinn was a member of the 4x100 squad that took fifth place in the meet and ranks sixth all time in Bucknell history.

Despite having such an impressive weekend, Quinn said that she had honestly surprised herself as she had zero expectations going into the meet.

"I had just taken a week off of training over break, and the first meet of the year is usually just a time to shake off the rust," Quinn said. "So I really was not expecting anything going into this meet, and I was honestly in shock when it all happened. I really think it just speaks to how well the training plan Coach Alexander and Coach Shirk have put together. I feel as explosive and powerful as I ever have, and being able to trust in my training fully has been amazing. Also, having teammates and alumni who push me and are so supportive has meant the world. I really think that all of my accomplishments are due to them, and I'm just really happy it's all starting to come together."

Quinn now holds four school records, further establishing herself as one of the Bucknell greats as only a junior. The level of consistency and success that Quinn has displayed is nearly unparalleled; a testament to her hard work and dedication.

"I know it sounds cliché but I really do believe that hard work pays off," Quinn said. "I've had great coaches and teammates who have put so much time and effort into me, and it's really made the sport so enjoyable for me. It's easy to put in the work when you are in such a supportive environment, and I think that the work I've put in has shown on the track. I'm really proud of the work I've put in, and I'm truly grateful for all the team has given me. I just want to be the best captain and teammate I can be moving forward and continue to help put the team in the best position possible moving forward ahead of Patriot Leagues."

Quinn looks to continue to lead the Orange and Blue to success this upcoming weekend at the Lehigh Games in Bethlehem, Pa.

### Career Stats

- 2022 Patriot League Champion  
60m  
- Second Team All-Patriot League  
100 (12.13)

## Women's Golf competes well despite windy conditions

Hugh Straine  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Women's Golf traveled to Grasonville, Md., to take part in the Intercollegiate at Prospect Bay Country Club. It was a two-day tournament featuring 15 other squads besides the Bison.

Paige Richter '26 was the low Bison on both days, posting a 79 in round one and following that up with a 78 in round two. Richter earned a share of 18th place with the performance.

Viveka Kurup '25 also performed well for the Bison, carding a first round 81 and a 79 in the second round, good for a tie for 32nd place.

Bucknell posted a 321, or +33, team score on both days of the event, finishing the tournament at +66 and in ninth place overall, in front of Merrimack, Fairfield, Long Island University, Siena, Wagner, La Salle and Maryland-Eastern Shore.

The Bison finished 37 strokes behind the tournament champion, Harvard.

Conditions this weekend weren't ideal, as the winds were extremely strong, which definitely played a role off the tee for the competitors.

"Despite the windy conditions, I felt like I was able to manage my ball flight well and

give myself some chances at birdies," Richter said. "My putts didn't always drop but I felt like I was putting very solid and hitting my line for the majority of the tournament. Something our team did really well this weekend was being patient with the conditions and pace of play. Both days were six hour rounds, and we all did a good job of persevering throughout all eighteen holes even though we were playing in some tough weather and against a tough field."

Bucknell heads to St. Andrews Golf Club in New York to compete in the St. John's Invitational next weekend.

## Rowing debuts season

Noor Kaur  
Staff Writer

This past weekend, Bucknell Rowing opened its season at the Doc Hosea Invitational at Cooper River against schools including Penn, Syracuse, Villanova and Northeastern.

The Varsity Eight, composed of Juliette Gaggini '24 as the coxswain, Hayden Groves '25 (8), Maddie Wickers '23 (7), Caroline Brandt '23 (6), Kona Glenn '25 (5), Alina Kelly '25 (4), Abby Gerst '24 (3), Abby Malek '24 (2) and Haley Beardsley '24 (1), earned fourth place with a 6:55.50 time.

The 2V8+ and 3V8+ also finished fourth with times of 7:04.79 and 7:38.74, respectively. Annabelle Kaeli '24 (8), Georgia Lambrakis '23 (7), Logan Moore '26 (6), Bella Guzman '26 (5), Caroline Corbett '26 (4), Jordyn Weber '26 (3), Elizabeth Berlinger '23 (2) and Millie Malloy '23

(1) worked together on the 2V8 with Ava Rysman '23 as the coxswain.

Making up the 3V8 is Katie Lash '26 (coxswain), Abbey Nay '26 (8), Morgan Brill '26 (7), Maeve O'Keefe '26 (6), Rebekah Lando '26 (5), Colby Bernhard '26 (4), Nicole Salantay '26 (3), Naomi Malone '25 (2) and Sierra Jordan '26 (1).

On the Fours side, the 1V4+ finished fourth with a 8:02.68 time, while the 2V4+ earned third place with a time of 8:13.11.

Coxswain Molly Garrahy '24 competed in the V4 along with Amanda Pennett '24 (4), Chloe Segal '23 (3), Gaby Wakim '23 (2) and Kira Capaldi '25 (1).

Zoe Frank '26 (coxswain), Cecilia Dial '26 (4), Victoria Miller-Tuchon '26 (3), Cleo Ray '26 (2) and Dehlia Rotchford '24 (1).

"Bucknell's Women's Rowing has been an amazing freshman experience," said Nora Finlay '26. "The team has put in a tremendous amount of work in winter training at Clemson and spring break training here on campus. The leadership of Coach Kish, Coach Harris and Coach Updegraff has the team in great shape. The team's camaraderie is in a fantastic place, which will help add value and speed to every boat. I look forward to seeing what our team's season holds because it's going to be a great season!"

The rowing team will compete in five more races before heading to the Patriot League Championships in May. Next Saturday, they look to compete at the Saint Joseph's Invitational on Overpeck Creek.

## Men's Lacrosse battles Army

Clara McCormick  
Sports Editor

Bison Men's Lacrosse faced No. 8 Army this past Saturday, falling to the Black Knights 7-12. The nationally-ranked team had home field advantage at the infamous Michie Stadium in West Point, N.Y.

Despite the loss, the Bison started out the game strong, beating their opponent 5-3 in the tail-end of quarter two; a great start against such a tough opponent.

Some points of the day were earned by Michael Meyer '26, who had two assists and one goal, Jack Feda '23 who scored two goals, Cam Doolan '25 who scored one and assisted one and Connor Davis '25 who scored the only Bison goal in the third.

Doolan's and Meyer's goals came back to back, resulting

in the early Bison lead. Rookie goalkeeper Jaz Zanelli '26 had an outstanding day with 15 saves.

The faceoffs were 18-5 in favor of the Black Knights, and Army currently leads the NCAA in scoring defense.

"Playing at Michie Stadium for the first time was an awesome experience; great atmosphere," Feda said. "We didn't get the result we wanted, but we competed and led at half-time against the No. 8 team in the nation. I'm looking forward to taking on Lehigh this weekend at home."

The Bison take home field advantage next weekend where they'll faceoff against another league opponent, the Lehigh Mountain Hawks.



# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### LSU wins NCAA Women's Championship

Kaylee Donnelly  
Staff Writer

The NCAA Championships premiered this weekend, with the Men's and Women's Basketball tournaments coming to an end. On the women's side last Friday, third-ranked LSU took on a second-ranked Iowa. The game was played to an impressive one hundred points, with the LSU Tigers coming out on top with a score of 102-85.

For women's basketball, this game was nothing short of legendary. In terms of numbers and reception, it was the most watched college women's basketball game ever, averaging around 9.9 million viewers. These numbers notably outgrow several male professional sporting events, even in their postseason games. These insane numbers

could hint at a growing interest in women's sports, and definitely showcased the skills on the court that night.

The ticket prices also serve to show the amount of hype surrounding this game. Some tickets were going for far higher than the men's games. The lowest cost for one ticket in the final game was right under 400 dollars before taxes and fees the day before the game. On the men's side, some tickets were still being sold for lower than 50 dollars the night before.

Even better, the masses who tuned into the match were able to see the LSU Tigers win their first NCAA Championship ever. The Tigers had never even made it to the NCAA Championships

in program history, much less earned a national title. This game also allowed LSU to set a record for the highest amount of points scored in a women's basketball championship game.

Outside of numbers, the game itself was exhilarating, despite the final score suggesting somewhat of an LSU domination. The most notable player on LSU was Angel Reese, who posted 15 points, 10 rebounds, five assists, three steals and one block. Reese received a fair amount of media coverage after the game, highlighting her taunts towards Iowa's players and her skill on the court. It wasn't just Reese who took her team ahead; many other players also stood strong to round

out the Tigers performance. Jasmine Carson had 22 points, Alexis Morris had 20 points and LaDazhia Williams had 20 points.

On Iowa's side, another notable player stood strong in the heat of LSU's offense. One of the most talented young players in NCAA basketball at the moment, Caitlin Clark, posted 30 points and eight assists. Clark has performed infamously well throughout the tournament, being the first player to score over 40 points in both the quarterfinals and semifinal games.

Clark was also named 2023 national player of the year and broke the record of most points scored in a women's tournament. She broke the previous record of 177 by scoring 191 points this tournament.

What also made this game so special was the reaction from LSU coach Kim Mulkey, who burst into tears in the final seconds of the game. After this championship, she became the first women's coach to win national titles at two different universities, and she did so in a sequined tiger-striped pantsuit.

With a crowd of 19,482 in attendance, this game will go down in history for NCAA Women's College Basketball, at least until next year. Over 350,000 people showed up to watch the women's competition this March, setting another new record. This showed some promising reception for the future of college women's sports.

### Men's Track and Field places second in Colonial Relays

Madison Rehak and  
Clara McCormick  
Staff Writer and Sports Editor

Bucknell Men's Track and Field did great this past weekend at the Colonial Relays hosted by the College of William and Mary. As the team is approaching some of their last meets of the season, it was essential for the Bison to place well in preparation for Patriot Leagues.

Day one of the invitational resulted in the men in the fourth place position, and by day two the men earned a second place finish.

Franco Perinotti '23 had a great run, earning third in the 100-meter hurdles with 16.76. Brandon Foust '25 got ninth in the 100-meter dash, which earned him a place in the Bucknell record book for tenth of all time. The sophomore also got ninth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.91.

Samuel Whittaker '23 earned fifth place in the 5000-meter run with a time of 14:20.48. The 5000-meter run proved successful for Ben Santos '25 who got fifth place with the time of 14:47.67.

Throwers Trevor Drescher '25 (170-00) and James Riedinger '25 (166-07) placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in javelin. Jeffery Cianfrocca '26 earned second in high jump with 6-02.25, and Tristan An '25 placed fifth in with 6-06.00.

Matt Federovich '25 (22-02.25) jumped into seventh place.

In the field events on day two, three throwers placed in the top ten for the discus event, including Keenan LaMontagne '26 in third, Braden Stryker '25 in fifth and Wade Shomper '26 in seventh. LaMontagne had a score of 151-08, Stryker had a score of 147-04 and Shomper finished at 135-01.

In the shot put event, three more Bison placed in the top ten for the meet. Anthony Zamarrá '23 came in third with a score of 50-08.00, Shmoper grabbed fifth in the event with a score of 50-03.25 and Stryker placed seventh in the event with a score of 47-11.75.

"Colonial relays is the most enjoyable meet of the year," Zamarrá said. "Competing in warm weather brings the best out of everyone. There were school records being broken and a lot of other great marks and times. I am excited to see what the rest of this outdoor season will bring for our team."

Chris Sims '25 finished second in the triple jump event with a score of 44-03.50.

The Orange and Blue also had a great meet in the track events. For the 4x100 relays event, the team of Cooper Hyken '26, Matthew Perello '24, Brian Scotto '25 and Foust placed third with a time of 42.15.

Scotto also placed fourth in the 110 meter hurdles event with a time of 14.83. This qualified him as the tenth-ranking Bucknellian in the event in school history.

In the 4x400 meter relay event, the team of Zachary Jelinek '24, Colby Belczyk '25, Ethan Wolford-Tully '24 and Rayven Sample '24 placed sixth with a time of 3:19.62.

In the distance relay, Christian Camdus '24, Wolford-Tully, Alex Simpson '24 and Whittaker finished fourth with a time of 10:10.70.

"With this being an early season meet, a lot of us were simply trying to go out there and compete and see where our fitness was after indoor track ended a few weeks ago," Camdus said. "Historically, we have done pretty well at this meet as a team on both the men's and women's sides, so we made a collective effort this time around to execute our race plans as best we could and score as many points for the team. I think for the most part we were all excited to travel down south and compete against some great competition, and get some early season marks to work with for upcoming meets."

Bison Men's Track and Field will next travel to Bethlehem, Pa., to partake in the Lehigh Invitational.

### Mens' Tennis victorious against Colgate, falls to BU

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## The price of an American life

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In today's world, it seems like a majority of the news that we hear about is related to gun violence in some way; a school or mass shooting, police brutality, a hate crime, etc. These are events that we cannot seem to escape no matter how hard we try, and government legislation appears to be missing the mark when addressing this issue.

Most recently, in June of 2022, the Senate's Bipartisan Safer Communities Act was signed into law with the purpose of expanding background check requirements, expanding access to better and more affordable mental health services, and promoting greater safety in schools. While this is a great initiative in terms of the funding it provides for these initiatives, it has done little to stave off school and other mass shootings in American communities.

According to data collected by the Washington Post, "there were more school shootings in 2022 - 46 - than

in any year since...1999," and there have been 16 so far this year.

Furthermore, Congress will be debating at least two more pieces of gun violence legislation this year with the first being the Protecting Our Kids Act. This bill was introduced in May 2022 with the purpose of increasing the age required to buy firearms, preventing gun trafficking, and modernizing the prohibition of untraceable firearms among other things.

Currently, the bill is awaiting debate in the Senate where it has been stalled since June 2022. The second and most recent piece of legislation to be introduced is the Gun Violence Reduction Resources Act of 2023. This legislation, introduced in January of this year, would allow the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to hire 200 more agents in order to better enforce gun laws in the US. These critical pieces of

legislation are needed now more than ever as there have been 377 school shootings since 1999, with about 41 percent of those occurring in 2018 or later according to the Washington Post.

In any of these situations, it is imperative that we stop and think about the price we are putting on human lives by holding back on necessary legislation. Based on 2022 figures from Hunting Mark, "the average handgun will cost between \$400-\$800."

Data from Statista shows that, in more than 55 percent of mass shootings that have taken place in the US since 1982, handguns were the weapon of choice.

In other words, America is putting the value of the average American life at roughly \$600 simply by doing nothing at all. In a country that is so set on preserving life, we are certainly doing everything we can to preserve the thing that is often used to take it away.

## Mustard, the condiment of champions

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According to Merriam-Webster, the definition of a condiment is: "something used to enhance the flavor of food." I have some trouble with the definition because its scope is very broad.

With this description, spices or dips would be considered condiments. But, I refuse to compare red pepper flakes to mayonnaise. To me, they live in two different worlds. Moreover, my use of the category of the condiment will include any spread or sauce.

Under this definition, mustard wins for best condiment. There are three facets in which mustard outcompetes its fellow condiments: in longevity, versatility, and subtly. And while mustard itself is a seed, my article refers to mustard in the spread-like form that we have come to know.

First, mustard has no doubt withstood the test of time. Encyclopedia Britannica dates mustard's use in food back to 3000 B.C. To put this into perspective, Insider dates the creation of sriracha only to 1949, Bloomberg dates mayonnaise back to 1756, and the History Channel puts ketchup at 1812. Relatively, these condiments are new compared to their mustard counterpart. New does not

necessarily equate to better, but it is important to consider how mustard has maintained popularity for so long.

A winning condiment must also be multifunctional. Mustard is commonly added to dressings and recipes, including as a marinade, in addition to its more fundamental use as a spread. It also comes in many forms, including yellow, Dijon and honey. Therefore, mustard has been able to provide both spiciness and sweetness, which provides more agency to consumers who can decide which is more fit for their food.

Accordingly, mustard enhances the flavor of food without being too overwhelming. A top-tier condiment must allow consumers to taste the food it's being added to. Mustard can be powerful but again, consumers can cater the kind of mustard they want to the type of food they are eating. This is sometimes a difficult feat. A Reddit user agreed when they made a thread about mustard, writing bemoaning the condiment and wrote that it "brings out the flavors of the meat and will pair well with other condiments on a sandwich, sub, burger etc."

Other top contenders are ketchup and sriracha. Ketchup is great on most things, which

made choosing the best condiment all the more difficult. There are two drawbacks to ketchup. The first is that it has become too versatile in its spread form. Two Reddit users admit to using ketchup for french toast and donuts. Just as a condiment needs to be utilized to its full potential, it also needs to be limited to a certain degree. The second disadvantage is ketchup's lack of versatility in regards to its use as an ingredient in recipes. In order to be the best condiment, ketchup needs to be more than an add-on.

Sriracha is also a top-three condiment. There are many kinds of sriracha that vary in hotness, allowing consumers to have more agency about how spicy they want to make their food. But just like ketchup, it has changed since its introduction into the condiment market. It is now marked by high sodium and sometimes, high sugar. Conversely, mustard brands are typically clean and actually include some benefits, like antioxidants and essential vitamins. Its health benefits might lend itself to mustard originating from seeds off of a plant.

It is still important to eat everything in moderation, but when it comes to condiments, don't hold back on the mustard.

## MLB pitch clock broadens horizons for the sports industry



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It is not everyday that major rule changes are made to a sport. The professional sports that we watch today have existed for centuries and have remained relatively similar to how they were when they were first created. So when Major League Baseball decides to introduce a pitch clock, it is news breaking.

The MLB outlines the use of the pitch clock: "in an effort to create a quicker pace of play, a 30-second timer between batters will be implemented in 2023. Between pitches, a 15-second timer will be in place with the bases empty and a 20-second timer with runners on base." ESPN notes that the pitch clock was tested in past minor league seasons and its success is a main driver of its implementation into the major leagues.

This rule has implications for both pitchers and hitters. The New York Times explains that if pitchers use more than the allotted 15 or 20 seconds, this will lead to an awarded walk for the batter. And if batters are not in the batter's box within the final 8 seconds of the allotted time, they will get a strike. Therefore, the pitch clock provides both teams an incentive to be timely.

Is the introduction of the pitch clock an asset? Signs point to yes. New York Times contributor Steve Kettmann explains that while he was at first wary about the pitch clock, as I expect many baseball fans were, he shifted his opinion swiftly when he saw how it eliminated dead time from pitchers and batters, creating a sense of heightened energy that lasts the entire game rather than fluctuating. Concurrently, CBS Sports reports a drop in the average amount of time in a nine-inning game by 25 minutes from 3 hours and 3 minutes last season to 2 hours and 38 minutes.

A rule change such as this one shows how there is still room for growth in the sports we thought were already established. The success of the pitch clock creates opportunities for baseball and other sports to develop and implement technology to improve the quality of the game. And this holds true so long as the integrity of the game is upheld.

Technological advancement has transformed our viewing experience and relationship to the game and its players. Bleacher Report discusses how instant replay could be the most important, as it has allowed officials and viewers to ensure the accuracy of any calls or plays in real time. Additionally, players can use technology to improve their performance and they can also interact with fans more directly through social media.

But leagues should be wary about major technological changes if they actually hinder the viewing or playing experience. For instance, Kettmann notes how baseball has implemented another new rule that bans defensive shifts as a direct outcome of technology, where analytics showed that it might increase action for offense. He notes how this removes a sense of excitement and unpredictability for players and viewers.

ESPN also explains that "players on the competition committee voted unanimously against the implementation of the pitch clock and banning of the shift." Rule changes should be accepted by the players who are affected by them the most and at the very least, their feedback should be taken into consideration before a decision is made. Technology should improve the game, not replace it or take the magic out of it.

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Bucknell celebrated its annual pride week from March 26 to April 1. The week-long celebration with organized events was hosted by Bucknell University's Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA).

Almost every day of the week consisted of a different event hosted by the organization open to any student on campus. The week started off with a potluck on Sunday at Fran's House, an on-campus affinity house dedicated as LGBTQ+ space and housing. The following event took place Monday night in the ELC Walls Lounge with Sky Brock as the featured Trans Visibility speaker. Canvas Paint Night at the 7th Street Studio and Makerspace was hosted from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday night and students were able to register for spots in advance.

Thursday, March 30 featured the Art Showcase. The event was held at the Samek Art Museum and was presented by GSA in collaboration with The Blueprint organization and QTPOC. Formal dress was encouraged for the event and appetizers and

Extensive planning by the GSA Executive Board goes on each year to make the week and its many events possible. The board includes AP Howell '24 as the President, Iona Pitkin '25 as Vice President, Mia Bohi-Green '23 as Secretary, Kelsey Werkheiser '25 as Treasurer, and Maria Wooden '26 as the First-Year Rep. Howell took time to share with the Bucknellian the experience of planning Pride Week.

"I've been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to plan Pride Week for two years in a row," Howell said. "It has certainly been one of the most stressful projects I have ever taken on, but it is so rewarding to be able to put on events

"It was a challenge to figure out what needed to be done for each event because there was an entire year that just wasn't able to do a lot of the typical Pride Week things. It was as if we had lost an entire decade's worth of knowledge in one year, but we bounced back from it. Pretty well, too, I would say," Howell said.

Howell continued on to explain that the recovery from the pandemic took

and signing out spaces before the next academic year even starts," they said.

Commenting on the events throughout the week Howell identified the QTPOC/Blueprint Art Showcase and the Drag Ball as their favorite events.

"In case you don't know, QTPOC stands for Queer and Trans People of Color and is a GSA Breakout group (identity-specific groups which also promote social and The Blueprint is an organization committed to highlighting and celebrating art created by people of color on campus," Howell Said. "Their event was beautiful in a variety of ways, not least because there was a formal dress code. The art, both hand-made or written/performed, was very enlightening about the lived experiences of this section

Howell's last comments were regarding the Drag Ball which they quoted as their "biggest event of the year for a reason."

"Everyone loves drag, and it is proven more and more every year as the attendance of this event grows," Howell said. "And not only do people love it, but it is such an important outlet that many use to express all the layers of their identity. With that being said, it sickens me that there is so much legislation being debated right now that would effectively ban this practice of gender expression. If such a law were to be passed in Pennsylvania today, I would probably end up in jail by the end of the day."





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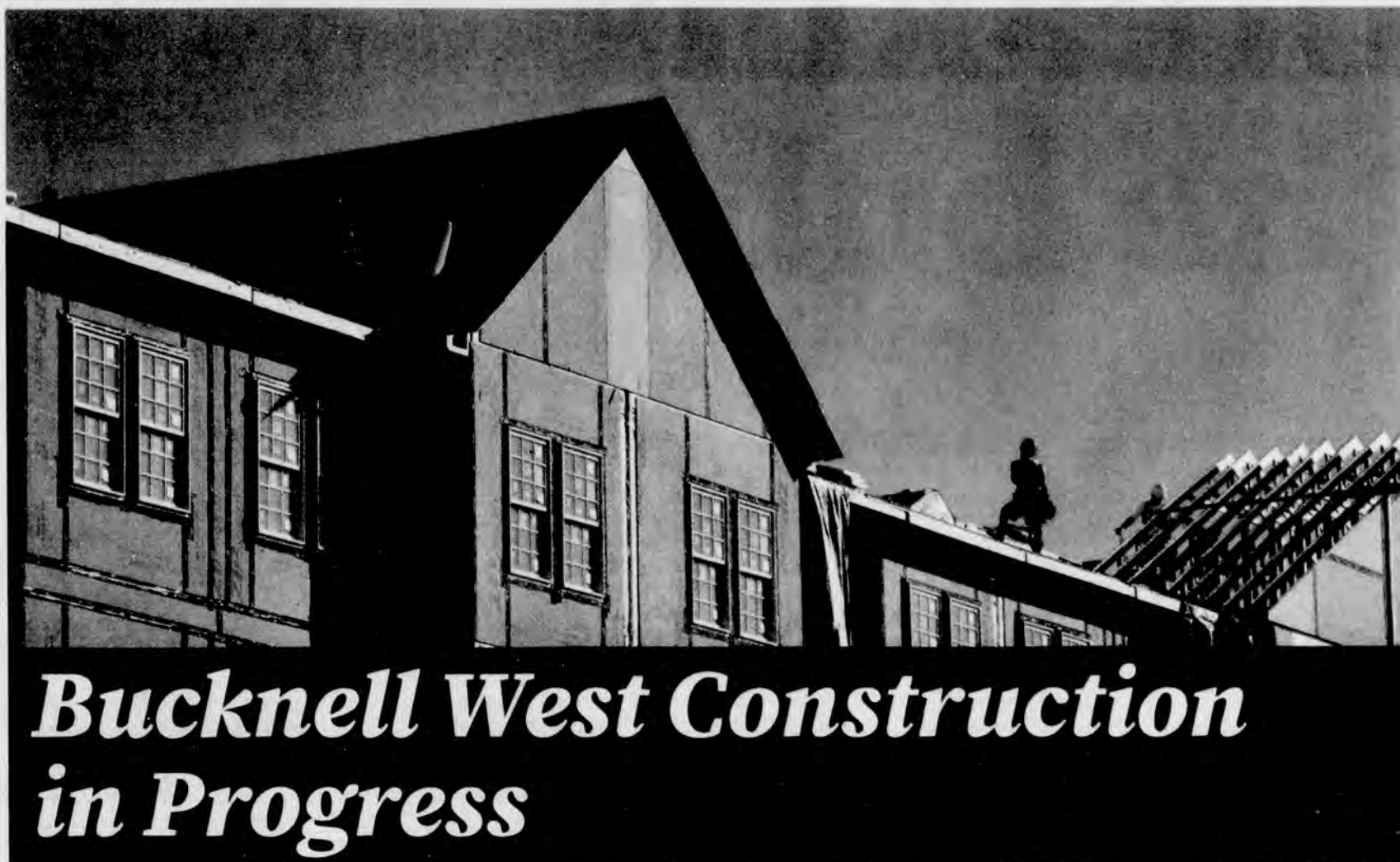
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## Bucknell West Construction in Progress

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Bucknell West, more commonly known as "The Mods" by students, is under construction to become updated apartment housing for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Currently the Mods are single-standing H-shaped modular structures that function as suite style living spaces complete with a living area and kitchen.

The remodeling will redesign the Mods into three-story apartment buildings, similar to the South Campus apartments located uphill. Construction is well underway, as half of the Mods have already been demolished, and the basic structure of one of the new apartment buildings is already standing. Two of these residence halls will be constructed by this fall semester. The other half of the Mods will be demolished in the fall to create space for the remainder of the construction project.

The new Bucknell West Apartments will provide a much needed update to the Mods, which have been a living option on Bucknell's campus since 1974. Next year, the existing Mods will be available as a housing option for upperclassmen for the fall only, as the rest of the construction is supposed to take place in the spring semester of 2024.

On Instagram, Bucknell Housing posted a farewell to the beloved Mods, which have housed many Bucknellians throughout their 50 years of existence. The university aims to still capture the much-loved spirit of the former module housing in the brand new buildings.

The new residence halls will leave plenty of outdoor space for recreation on Bucknell's west side of campus, including a fire pit, amphitheater, barbecue grills, a volleyball court, and ping pong tables. The Bucknell West apartments, once completed, will offer updated housing to 280

Bucknellians. These new buildings will be more cohesive aesthetically, matching the red brick structures all around campus.

According to the Executive Summary of a Sustainability Plan published at the beginning of the year, "work began on Bucknell's sustainability plan in 2017, then paused during the development of The Plan for Bucknell 2025 and was further delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic."

According to the Plan, four groups under the President's Sustainability Council oversaw the "implementation approach to assist the University in prioritizing initiatives to ensure that Bucknell will meet its commitment of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030 while developing the sustainability plan."

The plan also made a number of other recommendations for the University, that could be implemented in the new buildings:

- "Explore and develop broad-based initiatives for ecological

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conservation and restoration including farming (food, animal and solar), landscaping, biodiversity and green space/natural habitat protection that enhances the existing Campus Master Plan;

- Update the Energy Master Plan to prepare the University for future efforts to achieve net zero emissions
- Drive behavioral changes for waste reduction, including the reduction of single-use plastics."

Additionally, the apartments will be more eco-friendly, as they are a component of Bucknell's goal to become carbon neutral by 2030. The new Mods are designed with an updated geothermal heating and cooling system to achieve this aim. While the beloved Mods will be missed, the plans for the new Bucknell West Apartments will provide a much needed update and excellent living conditions for Bucknell students for years to come.

## Freeman Week celebrates management community

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Bucknell is in the middle of hosting Freeman Week, a celebration of the College of Management community at Bucknell ending on April 14. Ever since 2019, the year that the Freeman college was named, the weeklong event introduced students to industry leaders and alumni alike.

The Walling Lecture, an invitation only event, took place on April 13, with speaker Mike Molinet '07, entrepreneur & co-founder of Branch and co-founder of Thena.ai.

"The Walling Lecture is funded by the Fitz Roy & Mary Jane Walling Management Endowment and honors Fitz Walling's many years as a University leader. He served as the longtime dean of admissions; helped start the College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Engineering and the former College of Business Administration; and established the Office of Planned Giving."

The centerpiece of Freeman week, the Business Trends Summit, will occur on April 14 across campus, with seminars being held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

According to the webpage, "the summit is open to current Bucknell students, faculty and

staff from all majors, class years and departments. Join us for one session, the entire Summit or whatever fits into your schedule."

The event will begin at 8 a.m. with a breakfast in Holmes Hall Lobby, and will end with a concluding lunch in the same place, with remarks by Interim Dean Cindy Guthrie and Samek Art Museum director Richard Rinehart.

There are a number of events that fill out the remainder of the day.

Session one, from 9 - 9:45 a.m., will include the following:

Networking through a Brand Management Path in Holmes 251 by Leanna Archer '16. Archer is a Brand Manager for Unilever. This will include an interview by Professor Gabriela Diego of Markets, Innovation and Design Department.

Building a Career through Accumulated Experiences in Holmes 202 by Paul Sturman '83, M'84, P'26. He is the Executive Advisor for KKR & Co. Inc. and former CEO of The Bountiful Company.

The Importance of Sustainability in Organizations in Holmes 102 by Paul Ridder '93, P'24 Former Regional Vice President, Flowers Foods; Former President, Tasty Baking Company.

Session two, 10 - 10:45 a.m., includes:

The Journey of Entrepreneurship in Holmes 202

by Mike Molinet '07. This will include an Interview by Professor Bill Meek of the Management and Organizations Department.

Leading Technology Trends and Risks with RSM in Holmes 251 by Sudhir Kondisetty '90 and Laurie Mosebrook '88. Both Kondisetty and Mosebrook are Principal in their field at RSM, with Kondisetty in risk consulting and Mosebrook in management consulting.

The Art of the Deal in Holmes 301 by Eric Roddy '98 and Susan Roddy '98. Eric Roddy is a Managing Director & Partner at William Blair while Susan Roddy is a Managing Director of Health & Beauty Investment Banking at Houlihan Lokey.

Session three, 11 - 11:45 a.m., is: The Evolving Workplace, Implications for a New Joiners Path in Holmes 202 by Dave Sharpe P'24 and Brad Langer '96. Sharpe is a Partner at PwC. Langer is a Managing Director at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.

In the Face of Change, Prepare to Pivot in Holmes 116 by Jennifer Ciotti '13, Michael Davis '13, and Jesse Dondero '13. Moderated by Missy Gutkowski, Assistant Dean of Experiential Learning. Ciotti is a Senior Brand Strategy Manager for Vanguard. Davis is a Principal in their field at Microsoft and a Venture Partner for Overline. Dondero is Director of Revenue for Wonolo.

## Samek Exhibit: What You Think You Know

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Bucknell's downtown Samek Art Gallery is presenting the exhibit "What You Think You Know" from March 14 to June 4.

The title of the exhibit is a nod to stereotypes surrounding Native Americans, and the art within the exhibit works to dismantle them. The exhibit was curated by Museum Fellow Sarah N. Hixson, Mass. and Sierra Nizhonii (Diné). It contains art from Cara Romero, Cannupa Hanska Luger and the 1491s. All artists' plaques also contain their Native names.

Above the gallery's permanent fireplace is the title of the exhibit and a brief commentary on why this exhibition was curated and its relevance. It explains the recognizable names of Pennsylvania locations—Shamokin, Susquehanna, Pocono, etc.—come from the Algonquin language family spoken by Indigenous people. These names belonged to Native tribes and still do to this day.

The wall reads: "To reduce a culture or group of people to consumable and profitable products is commodification; obsessing over singular elements of someone's identity transforms fascination into fetishization."

To the left of the wall, Luger's art is displayed. Luger was born on the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota and is a Bucknell graduate. A glass display case contains "artifacts": ceramic pieces, some made to look like broken bottles. Above the

display case is the word "artifact" in dictionary entry style. In contrast with their definitions, the words are used in example sentences that act as commentary on Indigenous artifacts being kept in institutional collections.

One line reads: "Institutional control of narrative has produced several technical artifacts in relation to Indigenous people." Luger's work continues to the left, with brightly-painted arrows and more commentary on the Indigenous property that has been deemed as artifacts.

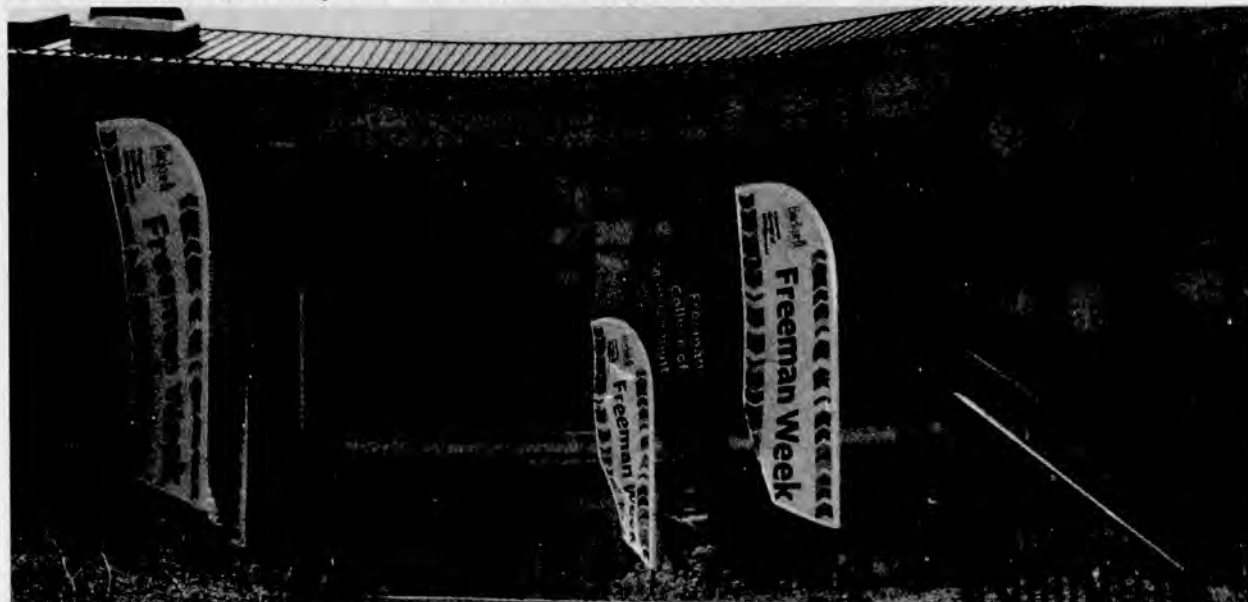
On the adjacent wall hangs Romero's works from her "First American Girl" series. Two large, bright, archival pigment photographs show two native women, one entitled Julia and the other Naomi. Each stands within a black-and-white patterned outline, imitating a doll in a box. They are dressed in traditionally Native clothing, and surrounded by culturally important "accessories."

Romero's pieces work to combat the commercialized image of Indigenous women, such as through the marketable dolls that these images imitate.

Perpendicular to her exhibit is the standard land acknowledgement that Bucknell uses in academic contexts and at events.

In a room towards the back of the exhibit, a television plays works from the 1491s, a sketch comedy troupe composed of five Native men: Migzi Pensoneau, Bobby Wilson, Dallas Goldtooth, Ryan RedCorn and Sterlin Harjo. The group began in 2009 on YouTube, but after

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# breaking the bubble

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## DOMESTIC

Last Monday, the Biden Administration asked the fifth US Court of Appeals to put Trump-appointed Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk's recent ruling on hold. Kacsmaryk's ruling would suspend the FDA's longtime approval of mifepristone, a pill that is necessary to carry out medical abortions, and would in turn prevent the manufacturer from distributing the drug. The Justice Department told the FDA to maintain the status of mifepristone while filing a motion in the federal district court to clarify the ruling. According to the Justice Department's lawyers, if Kacsmaryk's ruling were to take effect it would "thwart FDA's scientific judgment and severely harm women, particularly those for whom mifepristone is a medical or practical necessity."

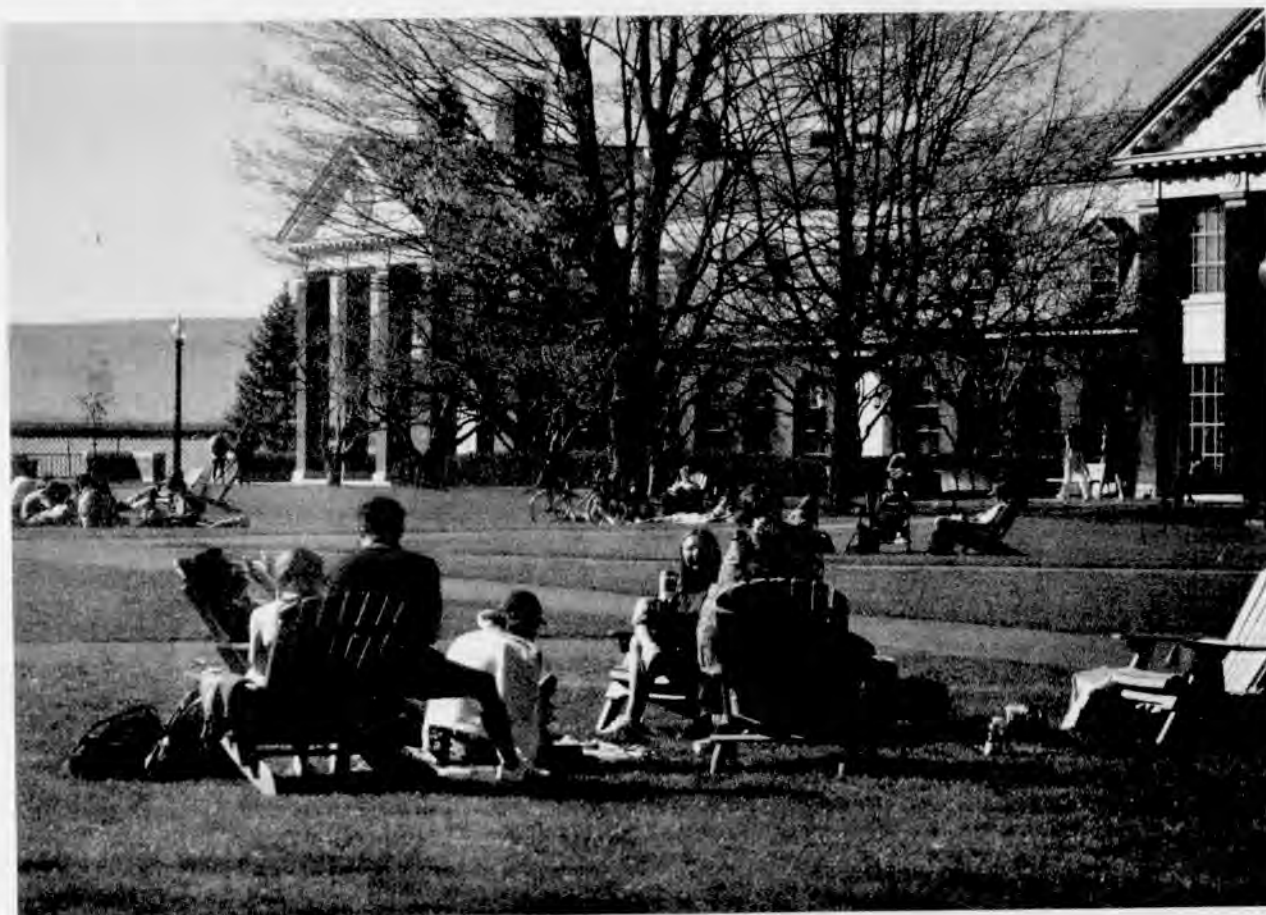
Jon Rahm won the 87th Masters at Augusta National Golf Club last Sunday. Rahm won the U.S. Open in 2021, his first career Masters win. He is the second player from Spain to win two different majors, joining legend Seve Ballesteros. Rahm shot a final round 69, which included four birdies, to finish at 12-under. His strong final round pushed him to outlast Brooks Koepka who owned a four-stroke lead on the rest of the field before the end of his third round. Rahm remained consistent with all aspects of his game, while Koepka started to see inconsistencies in his final round.

## INTERNATIONAL

Last Tuesday the United Nations began a review of its presence in Afghanistan. Last week's decision by Taliban rulers that Afghan women employed with the U.N. could no longer report for work is the latest in restrictions imposed since they seized power in August 2021. The U.N. calls the decision an unparalleled violation of women's rights, and said it "will endeavor to continue lifesaving, time-critical humanitarian activities" but "will assess the scope, parameters and consequences of the ban, and pause activities where impeded." The situation in Afghanistan has been called the world's most severe humanitarian crisis. Three-quarters of those in need are women or children. Female aid workers play a crucial role in reaching vulnerable, female-headed households, making the Taliban's decision particularly distressing.

The FBI has announced it is working to track down who leaked sensitive intelligence documents on social media sites on April 5. About 1,000 people usually have access to this type of sensitive material. The Pentagon is working to reduce this number. Former officials familiar with leak investigations predict that finding the source of this leak could happen quickly because "the universe of possibilities is relatively small." One U.S. official indicated that printers that are authorized to print classified documents require a unique ID, and this fact may provide clues for the search. "I don't think there's huge damage here," one official said regarding the leak. Concern for battlefield ramifications in Ukraine are also slight. "People are assuming this was all new to the Russians — it probably wasn't."

# Students enjoy quad sits in nice weather



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## SAMEK GALLERY

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going viral have grown to performing sold-out shows, giving TEDx Talks and being a part of major projects such as FX's Reservation Dogs. Their humor and satire helps to combat Native stereotypes in a more lighthearted way, but also in a way that is more digestible and accessible to the general public.

"I really appreciated Chase Gregory bringing our class to the Samek downtown on Wednesday afternoon, otherwise I would not have gotten a chance to see such a

wonderful exhibit," Isabelle Levesque-Du Bose '23 said. "Overall, I really enjoyed the exhibition at the Samek downtown and encourage everybody to learn more about indigenous communities, not only near us, but across the country."

The exhibit will be open until June 4 during the gallery's operating hours of 12-5 p.m. on Tuesdays through Sundays. It is free and open to the public, located on Market St. across from the Campus Theatre.

## Professor Zimmerman explained her serialization research for Bucknell Humanities Center

Michael Taromina  
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On April 10, Professor of English Literary Studies Virginia Zimmerman shared research she conducted through the support of the Bucknell Humanities Center faculty research fellowship last year.

The BHC frequently hosts talks where the professors they fund to do research come to explain their findings to further the chance of publication. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, these talks have ceased. However, BHC officials said they are excited to resurrect them, and even more thrilled that Zimmerman was the one to begin the comeback.

Zimmerman's talk, titled "Time and Serial Narrative: Coming of Age in Homemade Magazines," explored 19th and early 20th century child-authors, such as Louisa May Alcott, Lewis Carroll and the children of Robert Frost — who published stories serially.

Serialization is the printing or publishing format by which a single larger work, often a work of narrative fiction, is published in smaller, sequential installments. Zimmerman analyzed the relationship between time, which is garnered by serialization, and narrative within this history of children's literature.

She explained how narratives published in serial installments are fractured over time, introducing an intriguing temporal element into the text. This element is especially compelling when the text itself centers time, as in time-slip stories, particularly those aimed at a juvenile audience, characterized by its forward momentum in time.

This talk highlights several serially published time-slip children's stories of the late 19th and early 20th centuries and then examines children's own creative efforts — magazines made at home by a teenaged Louisa May Alcott, the children of Robert Frost, and the boy who would become Lewis Carroll. These child-authors demonstrate robust and often

humorous insight into periodical publication and the complex intersection of time and text.

One prominent text that Zimmerman deciphered in depth was Lewis Carroll's "The Rectory Magazine." She explained how the magazine was serialized and how her research on this specific publication was initiated due to her year to find specific "dates and month" on when this periodical was published. Her findings brought her to the realization that the production occurred within one month with short intervals, but it still is up in the air.

"Whether or not 'The Rectory Magazine' was serialized or did in fact appear as intervals, Carroll demonstrates a key awareness of duration as a key element of serialization," Zimmerman said.

Another literary masterpiece brought up in Zimmerman's talk was E. Nesbit's "The Story of the The Amulet," her favorite children's narrative. Here, she discussed the timeline of its publication, the contents within the story, and how the concept of time-slip affects how children would read it and how the story is perceived as a whole.

To that, Zimmerman also brought up the slippery notion of coming-of-age, time, and serialization in her discussion of other works, such as Charles Dickens' "The Holiday Romance" and Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women."

To end the talk, Zimmerman opened the audience, mainly her close colleagues and professors, to ask questions. Most of the questions delved into specific inquiries on Zimmerman's research, and sparked intriguing conversations of the nature of time someone's experience with a piece of literature, or in general, from a personal literary point of view.

And while her research is finalized, Zimmerman made clear her interest in this topic is still extremely apparent, and will continue to search for answers.

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## Bucknell professor discovers magnetic field 12 light-years away



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Professor of Physics and Astronomy Jackie Villadsen is the co-author of a paper documenting radio waves from the red dwarf star YZ Ceti, which is 12 light-years away.

This star is close to a planet, YZ Ceti b, and the brightness of these radio waves could mean that this planet has a magnetic field similar to Earth's.

Villadsen worked with second co-author J. Sebastian Pineda, a research astrophysicist at the University of Colorado Boulder. They both observed a radio signal coming from YZ Ceti through a radio telescope operated by the U.S. National Science Foundation's (NSF) National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO).

The NSF is supporting Villadsen and Pineda to understand how magnetic fields interact between far-away stars and planets. Their research was published in the journal "Nature Astronomy."

In the paper proper, there were 2 to 4-gigahertz radio bursts detected from the slowly rotating YZ Ceti during the

orbital period of YZ Ceti b, the system's innermost planet. Two coherent bursts occurred at similar orbital positions of YZ Ceti b, which implied an enhanced probability of the magnetic field interacting between the planet and star.

"Planet magnetic fields are the 'force fields' that protect the planets from losing all of their air, so finding ways to detect these force fields is pretty exciting," she said, in a press release. "If we are correct and the planet is causing these radio waves from its host star, it may have a magnetic field similar to Earth's."

The fact that they were able to detect YZ Ceti's radio waves could signal that the planet it's orbiting around could be similar to Earth's.

"To lock down planets that are definitely known to be causing bursts of radio waves from the star, we're going to require a pretty long monitoring program. We need to point [the array] at that star regularly for a long time to know if these radio wave bursts are really repeating with a planet. What we have identified is a system [YZ Ceti] that's really worth putting in that time and monitoring it long term."

Villadsen said the team analyzed the star for about 25 hours, less than one full orbit, but they already had one third of the original orbit to include. They then revisited a spot where they saw a radio burst.

"Then we saw a second radio burst that was close to the same planetary position, but not exactly the same. That's promising for star-planet interaction. What's needed long term is to follow this thing up and look over and over again and see if the bursts always happen when the planet is near this position in its orbit," Villadsen said.

Villadsen, Pineda and Bucknell physics student Arjun Anand '25 will continue to study the radio bursts between stars and their orbiting planets during a summer research trip at the NRAO.

"Magnetic fields in themselves are beautiful phenomena to observe, and the idea that there are other planets that create the same magnetic field as the Earth is incredible! I think there is a lot to be learned about our solar system, and I am excited to join Professor Villadsen this summer in a potentially ground-breaking discovery," Anand said.

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# 10 years ago in The Bucknellian: The drinking culture on campus is moving in the wrong direction

Riley Schwengel  
Staff Writer

As this year's House Party Weekend approached, I predicted that we would see another slew of hospitalizations due to excessive drinking. Come Sunday, I was not disappointed. Once again, House Party saw numerous individuals get sent to the hospital because they had too much to drink. The emergency personnel were so busy on the Friday of House Party that I witnessed a group of police and kids wait almost an hour for an ambulance to come for one of the students. That's purely insane. Luckily this individual was barely over the limit for hospitalization and was not in any immediate danger, but if it had been an emergency and had that person been in real trouble, there could have been a serious problem.

While the sheer number of hospitalizations was shocking to me, what really irked me were other people's reactions when they heard about the individuals sent to the emergency room. When the number of hospitalized students was mentioned, I often heard, "Well it sounds like this year's House Party was a success!" in response.

What? I'm sorry, but that does not sound like a success to me. I don't see how a person ending his or her night with doctors and nurses instead of friends can be seen as reasonable. I think our overall mentality about drinking and

partying is heading into a very dangerous and reckless direction, and I worry that if we don't reevaluate our priorities, we will see more hospitalizations in the future—or worse.

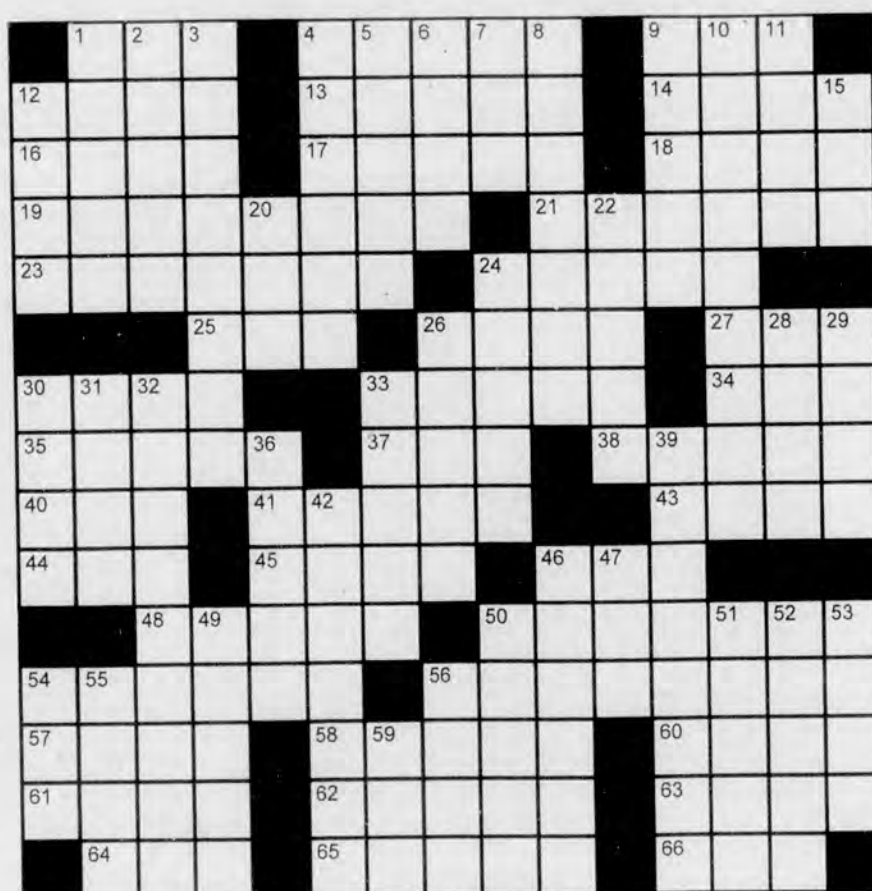
Now I want to be clear: I am not against the drinking culture in general. I acknowledge drinking and partying responsibly and think that they are one of many reasons why college is such an extraordinary experience. I don't think that we need to make any changes in school policy or even in legislation (though a lower drinking age would be nice). I do think that we need to make some serious changes to our mentality about drinking.

Right now, it seems like drinking is perceived as a competition or challenge, one in which whoever gets the highest score wins. But that's not how it should be. Drinking is a social event, one that's not meant to be competitive or aggressive. It should be the individual's choice about how much to drink, whether to play drinking games, have only a couple drinks or not drink at all. I don't think students today realize this. There is an extreme sense of peer pressure that forces people to drink in extreme amounts and endanger themselves in order to live up to their peers' expectations. couple decades. It has turned from a popular social event to

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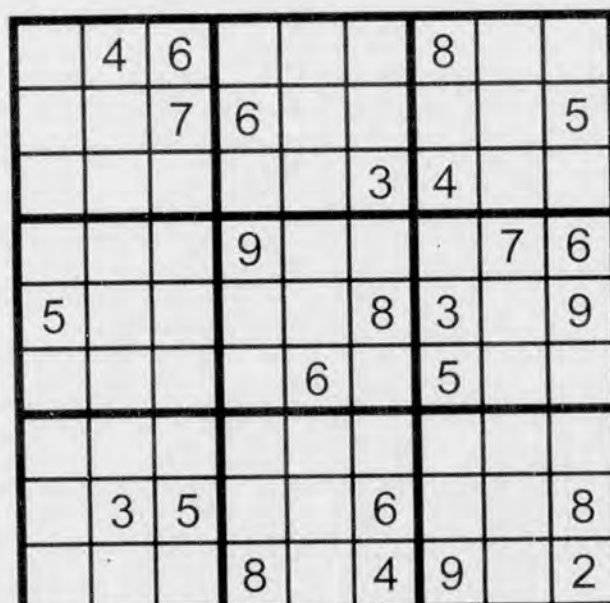
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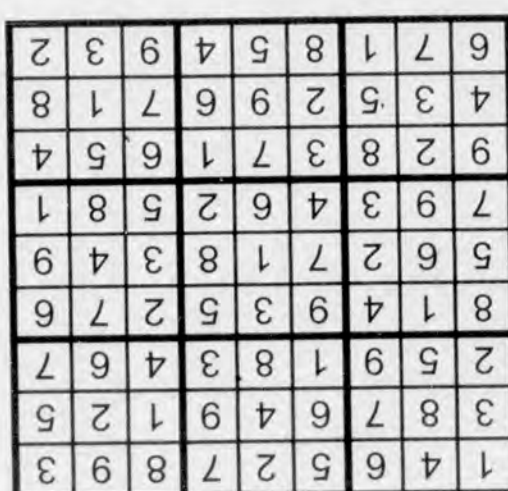
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# Easter bunny's inner thoughts revealed at Q&A event, and they aren't what you'd expect

**Tyler Thrutchley & Colin Michna**  
*Contributing Writers*

The Easter Bunny is all over the news, and let's just say it's not all rainbows and Easter eggs.

Bucknell University hosted a Q&A in which kids in the Lewisburg area were allowed to ask the Easter Bunny questions that came across their curious minds. Unfortunately, the Easter Bunny wasn't prepared for the type of questions he had to answer.

The minute he walked onto campus, a nine year-old boy named David approached him. "My friends said that they saw my mom dressed in an Easter Bunny costume in my yard. They told me my mommy is the real Easter Bunny. Is this true?"

"Do I sound like your mom to you? Of course not! Do you think your mom has time to deliver eggs all across the world? Just ignore your friends, they don't know what they're talking about."

The Easter Bunny was satisfied with his answer, and he started to walk in the other direction. But David wasn't finished yet.

"Why is there a zipper on your back?"

This time, the Easter Bunny was stumped. He truly did not know what to say. "Umm..... Well..... alright, listen kid. There is no Easter Bunny. I just wanted to make a quick buck so I threw on this silly

costume. Please promise me you won't tell this to anyone, especially your mother. This i-"

But before he could say another word, David ran off, and his sobs could still be heard minutes later. Next, it was a seven-year-old girl named Sammy.

"How do you deliver eggs across the entire world in one day? Do you have superpowers, Mr. Bunny?"

The Easter Bunny, still annoyed that David couldn't keep his mouth shut, decided to give as blatantly honest an answer as possible.

"I don't have superpowers. And I'm not a bunny, either."

A collective gasp was heard from children and parents alike, as the "Easter Bunny" removed his head, revealing a 35-year-old man with a scraggly beard. Seconds later, President Bravman was seen marching toward the Easter Bunny with angry strides.

"You weren't supposed to go off script," he hissed.

The Easter Bunny, whose real name was Brad, simply shrugged. "Can I at least get my money?" "Get out of here!" Bravman bellowed.

"I'm gonna be a great father," Brad thought as he confidently walked toward his car.

It's safe to say that Brad was never invited back to the Q&A event ever again.

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# What are Bucknellians willing to do for the plot?

**Aaron Chin**  
*Satire Co-Editor*

There is a truly eclectic student body here at Bucknell, and everyone knows it. With a huge number of student organizations and clubs, there's no shortage of activities or hobbies that students engage in on campus. However, this makes many people on campus wonder whether students engage in these activities out of actual interest, or if they are just doing these activities "for the plot," meaning that they are just doing it to make them seem like more interesting characters.

So, what are students doing for the plot? Here are some examples:

## Hang Gliding off of the ELC roof

Hang gliding is a popular tourist activity in vacation destinations such as Florida, the Bahamas and South Africa. However, some of the very few people here at Bucknell who are not in the top 0.000000001 percent of the upper class cannot afford to go to these world-class destinations. Therefore,

a group of students in OEL decided to bring hang gliding to campus. The OEL students decided to hang glide off of the ELC roof to engage in the exhilarating activity.

When asked why he decided to hang glide off of the ELC, freshman Aire Borne said, "My girlfriend doesn't think that I do enough interesting activities. She thinks that I'm too boring and that I need to do more risky things, so I decided to risk my life and use Bucknell's janky hang gliders. I may have several scrapes, bruises, and broken bones, but I also have one heck of an interesting story for my girlfriend."

## Ubering to New York

New York: the city that never sleeps. Lewisburg: the city that goes to sleep by 4 p.m. due to strictly enforced quiet hours. The two are polar opposites, so it's no wonder that some students wanted to travel to New York from Lewisburg.

Last Saturday, a group of seniors decided to hire an Uber

driver to take them to New York City for a fun day trip. Little did they know, there is only one Uber driver in a 300-mile radius of Bucknell, so the price of the trip came out to three thousand dollars in total, or a one week's paycheck for most Bucknell students' parents.

The cost being only a minor inconvenience, a group of seniors took a New York trip that they will never forget. From the Uber actually being a limousine with a hot tub on top to staying one night at the most expensive suite at the Ritz Carlton, these students will never forget that day. They also ziplined from the top of the Empire State Building to the foot of the Statue of Liberty, so they definitely had an exciting experience.

While this "for the plot" mentality might seem dangerous to some, it encourages spontaneity, so you should be on the lookout for the next opportunity to make your story-line more unique!

# Investigation into Bucky the Bison indicates possible ties to shadow government

**Nick Maggi**  
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My alarm blared, playing the theme music to "Caddyshack," but unlike the lyrics implied, I was not alright. I got off the tile floor, fully clothed from the night before, and drank my usual Celsius. The investigation started, and I knew it was going to test my sanity in a way that only a first-year Dorm RA could relate to.

I was informed through Bucknell's most reliable source, YikYak, that Bucky the Bison had been taking trips to Washington DC to "Support the Wizards." This was alarming, as no sane mammal goes to a Wizards game to see the Wizards play. This could only mean one thing: Bucky is going to DC to go to shadow government meetings. He has also received several large donations of caf swipes from mystery donors with messages written in code but that is probably a coincidence.

I investigated where Bucky grew up, in the subberds. Although many refused an interview, I was able to

schedule one with his college roommate, Clucky the Chicken. However, I was too late. I was informed that he had been in an "accident," and his body will be baked into Nashville Hot Chicken on Friday. I was distraught upon hearing the news, but I also couldn't help but be excited about Friday's lunch.

All other sources lead to similar dead ends, which left me no choice as a Bucknellian reporter but to take the bison by its horns. I was able to get into Bucky's locker room after bribing an employee with a ticket to the next TSwift concert.

I opened the locker and found caf swipe cards for multiple different colleges as well as government office ID cards and even keys to one of Jack Nicholson's "You can't handle the heat" summer houses. I also found a document marked "How to destabilize the dining dollar market" as well as a large folder named "Work Stuff."

Under these documents were the Oscar results for the next 10 years, and sadly they are all hosted by Jimmy Kimmel. There was a book called "Plants on Campus" which I could only assume reveals the names of shadow government spies on campus, so keep an eye out for any spies named Rose, Sage or Cabbage. There were also documents on politicians such as Chris Christie's "All You Can Eat" swimsuit calendar.

I almost left, believing I had enough evidence, before I saw something extremely valuable: the Bucknell Guest password list. I thought the list was merely a myth, a fairytale told to freshmen by their OA. With this list some could watch sports without lag, play online games seamlessly, and perhaps run a shadow government. Before I could snatch the codes, I heard people coming so I aborted the mission. I later asked Bucky multiple times for a comment on my findings, but he is either pushing me off or is busier than Nick Cannon on Father's Day.

# Student Health overwhelmed by number of students seeking cure for Senioritis

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With less than a month left in the semester, students' motivation to complete schoolwork is dwindling. This apathy for work is always present on campus to some degree. In recent weeks, it has spread in a rampant storm, afflicting students at shockingly high rates. Members of the senior class experience this disease, dubbed "Senioritis," since their graduation is just around the corner. This is why student health is dumbfounded by the number of Bucknellians from all grades that have rushed into the Graham Building seeking a cure, since the disease has spread from the seniors and affected students from each class.

The first symptom that students report is known in the medical community as "Silence Syndrome." As the National Medical Association States, "Silence Syndrome occurs when one turns off their alarm while they are asleep; very common; treatment: 4-6 hours of prescribed missed classes to catch up on sleep."

Sophomore Ty Heard was diagnosed with Senioritis last Friday, and he displayed clear signs of Silence Syndrome. In a frantic report, he recounted, "I don't understand what happened. I set my alarm for 8:30 a.m., yet somehow, I kept snoozing it for almost 3 hours and missed my baby bio lecture." Heard was also treated for a broken arm after his roommate chucked a lamp at him to make him shut the alarm.

Another symptom of Senioritis is severe dry mouth. But, unlike ordinary dry mouth, this kind is referred to as Alcoholplasia. Alcoholplasia is the sensation in which one feels that they have a parched, scratchy throat that is dryer than the Caf's grilled chicken. In order to satiate the burning sensation, they must drink any alcoholic beverage with an ABV greater than 5 percent. Although Alcoholplasia manifests itself mostly on the weekends, Student Health has treated dozens of students who have reported experiencing it during the school week, even

during their regularly scheduled class times.

The final telltale sign of Senioritis is one that can only be detected using complicated neural signal scanning techniques offered at Evangelical. Those who are suspected of having this ailment are shipped off to the hospital on the Bucknell shuttle. This symptom, formally referred to as IADEC's Disease, has been diagnosed in over 300 students since last week. IADEC's Disease, or the "I Actually Don't Even Care Disease," is the most serious of the Senioritis symptoms.

Geology major Dudley Dwtittle explained what was happening to the doctors, and they knew what was wrong with him right away. He said, "I know that I have a lab today, but I can't bring myself to go. Rocks just don't rock like they used to."

Senioritis is highly contagious, and it's not to be joked about. Freshmen and seniors alike are experiencing its mind-numbing effects. Be careful, Bucknellians, or you might just be the next one infected.



# SIGMA CHI DERBY DAYS 2023

The Bucknell University chapter of Sigma Chi will begin its week long Derby Days philanthropy event on April 17. This annual competition involves participation from all sororities on campus and raises money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

The Huntsman Cancer Institute partners with Sigma Chi chapters across the nation as a philanthropic partner. The research center was established by Jon M. Huntsman who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania as a brother of Sigma Chi. The center has now expanded to a treatment center as well and continues to treat and research various types of cancer.

Bucknell Derby Days 2022 raised \$112,401.80 for Huntsman and ranked the chapter as third for the most money raised across the nation and among 244 Sigma Chi chapters. This money along with money raised from the year before has gone to establishing the brand new Kathryn F. Kirk Center for Comprehensive Cancer Care and Women's Cancers. A dedicated Sigma Chi floor on the wing will feature various plaques for the top donating schools. This year the Bucknell Sigma Chi brothers hope to raise more money than they ever have before.

Seven on-campus sororities will be participating in this year's Derby Days events. Sororities nominate two of their members for the week and encourage participation from all other members. Two members of the Sigma Chi fraternity are assigned to each of the sororities also as captains for the week, along with seven brothers as team members.

With events Monday through Friday, the Welcome Dinner and Banner Competition kick start the week. The Greek community and all students are invited to attend the buffet style dinner at the Academic West Pavilion at 5:30 p.m. During the dinner each participating sorority will have their banner debuted and displayed. The banners will be judged by a panel of faculty members and brothers of the fraternity.

Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. features the new event for the week, the Sigma Chi Call-a-Thon. Teams will work to cold call alumni, family, friends and other connections to try and raise the most money. The event will have catered food and drinks for participants along with bells to ring when donations are made. Later that night the teams will travel to Imperial Lanes at 9:00 p.m. for a bowling competition. Each sorority is allowed two bowling teams each with four of their own members and two members from the fraternity. Winner of the Bowling Competition is determined by the total pin count from the games played by each sorority's teams.

The annual Sigma Chi Search will start Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 6:00 p.m. Each sorority will be sent the task list ranked from easy to hard. Some examples from the scavenger hunt include taking a picture in a Bucknell athletic jersey or completing an act of kindness for a member of another

team. The sorority to complete all the tasks the fastest will win and if teams don't complete the full hunt they will be ranked by the most tasks completed.

Participation in Thursday's Trivia event will feature the sorority teams while also being open to all students on campus. Starting at 5:00 p.m. it will be held in the Terrace room and students can form teams of up to eight members. There will be four rounds of different trivia categories and the team with the most points will be declared the winner. While the sorority scores will be calculated for the Derby Days competition there will also be prizes for the winners of Trivia whether they are a part of Greek Life or not.

Friday features the last event for the sorority competition. At 2:00 p.m. on the intramural fields the annual Flag Football Tournament will take place. Teams will play five vs. five with sorority members being coached by both Sigma Chi teammates and their own sorority sisters. The games will be refereed by both IM referees and Sigma Chi members.

During the competition there are various week-long events that sororities and other Bucknell students can also participate in. Penny Wars will be ongoing outside of the Bison in the ELC. Coins added to a sorority's bucket will add to their total while dollar bills will subtract from their total. Any student can add coins or dollar bills and the sorority with the highest total will win. Additionally, a small white cross will be hidden on Bucknell's campus. Each day sororities will be given a clue as to where it is and the team to find it will win a point for the competition. Along with these, T-Shirts and Wristbands will be sold during the week as \$23 for a shirt and \$3 for a wristband. If a student is buying both the price will be \$25.

Planning for these various events takes time and effort. Each year a Derby Days Executive Board of Sigma Chi brothers is elected to organize and run the competition. This year's board includes Rhett Robins '23, Max Hefner '23, Brad Tauscher '23, Brooks Burt '23, Kevin Cody '23 and Ben Sandusky '23. Before Derby Days begins the board reaches out to each sorority to elect one member to meet and discuss the events, ideas from past years or raise any questions and concerns. This year's executive board shared with the Bucknellian parts of their planning process for events, why they participate and more.

"As a senior, it is my third year as a brother of Sigma Chi and I have had the chance to participate in two Derby Days philanthropy weeks so far," Cody said, speaking on his decision to join the executive board this year. "For both of those weeks, I was beyond impressed with how well the Bucknell community came together and worked towards a cause that has affected everyone at this school in one way or another. Because of this, the philanthropy work that we do has become a huge part of my

identity, and so I knew I wanted a more significant role in this year's Derby Days."

"The planning process for this year's Derby Days began back in the Fall semester of 2022 when we decided who the executive team would be," Cody said. "Immediately after, we reached out to last year's Derby Days' executive members and listened to their thoughts on how last year's event went. We learned about what went well and what didn't go so well, and took that to help us create a smoother Derby Days week. We also began our conversations with the Greek office very early on and started working with them to make the events possible."

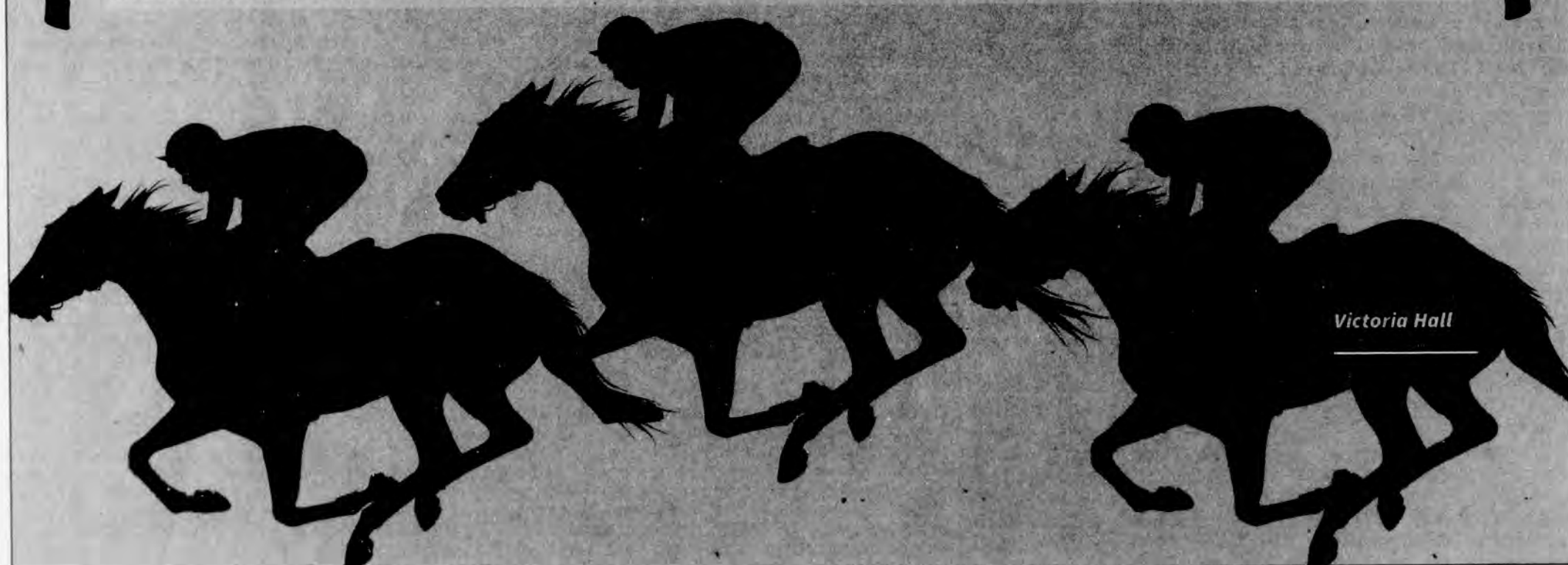
Cody explained that his official title is Events Planner along with Burt. Although the board collaborates on most activities, this role specifically handles planning events like Trivia and bowling.

"Our committee has been meeting since last December in preparation of how we were going to make this our most successful year to date," Burt shared. "The early action we take generates excitement throughout not only our entire fraternity in the months/weeks leading up to our start date, but also those in other sororities whom we are interacting with."

Burt went on to share his thoughts on the success behind the money Derby Days is able to raise. "I believe everyone taking part in Derby Days knows the great cause we are supporting and also unfortunately knows a close family member or friend directly affected by cancer giving everyone their own personal motivation," Burt said. "This makes participation much easier in the end as well, when everyone has their own personal 'why' it allows us to have successful events which people truly want to be participating in. We have been blessed that we can organize an event that serves as an outlet for so many of us in the Greek life community to pursue incredible philanthropic efforts together."

Continuing on from this Tauscher shared the positive impacts of Derby Days at Bucknell. "Derby Days encourages community involvement for both members of Greek Life and Bucknell as a whole by bringing students together in support of a great cause," Tauscher said. "Although our student population is smaller than other universities across the country, the passion and energy that the Bucknell community provides has resulted in some of the largest contributions from Sigma Chi Chapters to the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The historic success of Derby Days is living proof of what the Bucknell community can accomplish together."

"One of our biggest hopes for this year is to raise \$150,000," Cody said. "We know it's ambitious, especially since we're part of a fairly small school, but we're going to try. Last year we raised a little over \$112,000 and so we've been working incredibly hard on finding ways to expand the Derby Days presence both on and off Bucknell's campus."



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# THE BUCKNELLIAN sports

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## Women's Lacrosse battles top- ranked Army

Brooke Tracey  
Senior Writer

Bison Women's Lacrosse traveled to West Point, N.Y. on April 8 to face-off against No. 14 Army. In a highly contested match, the Orange and Blue remained neck and neck with the Black Knights until the final quarter. The Bison fell late to a 15-7 defeat.

After upsetting the Black Knights in last year's match up, the Bison knew they were in for an intense match. The Orange and Blue gained an early 2-0 lead in the opening five minutes, with goals from Allie Boyce '25 and Katie Browne '26. Army then scored the next three goals, giving them the slight lead. The game was tied on four different occasions in the first half, with Army holding the slight 7-6 lead at the half.

Coming out of halftime, the Orange and Blue were met with an onslaught of Black Knight goals. Army scored the first goal of the third quarter, followed by a Taylor Kopan '24 goal for the Bison. This would be the last Orange and Blue goal of the match, however, as the Black Knights

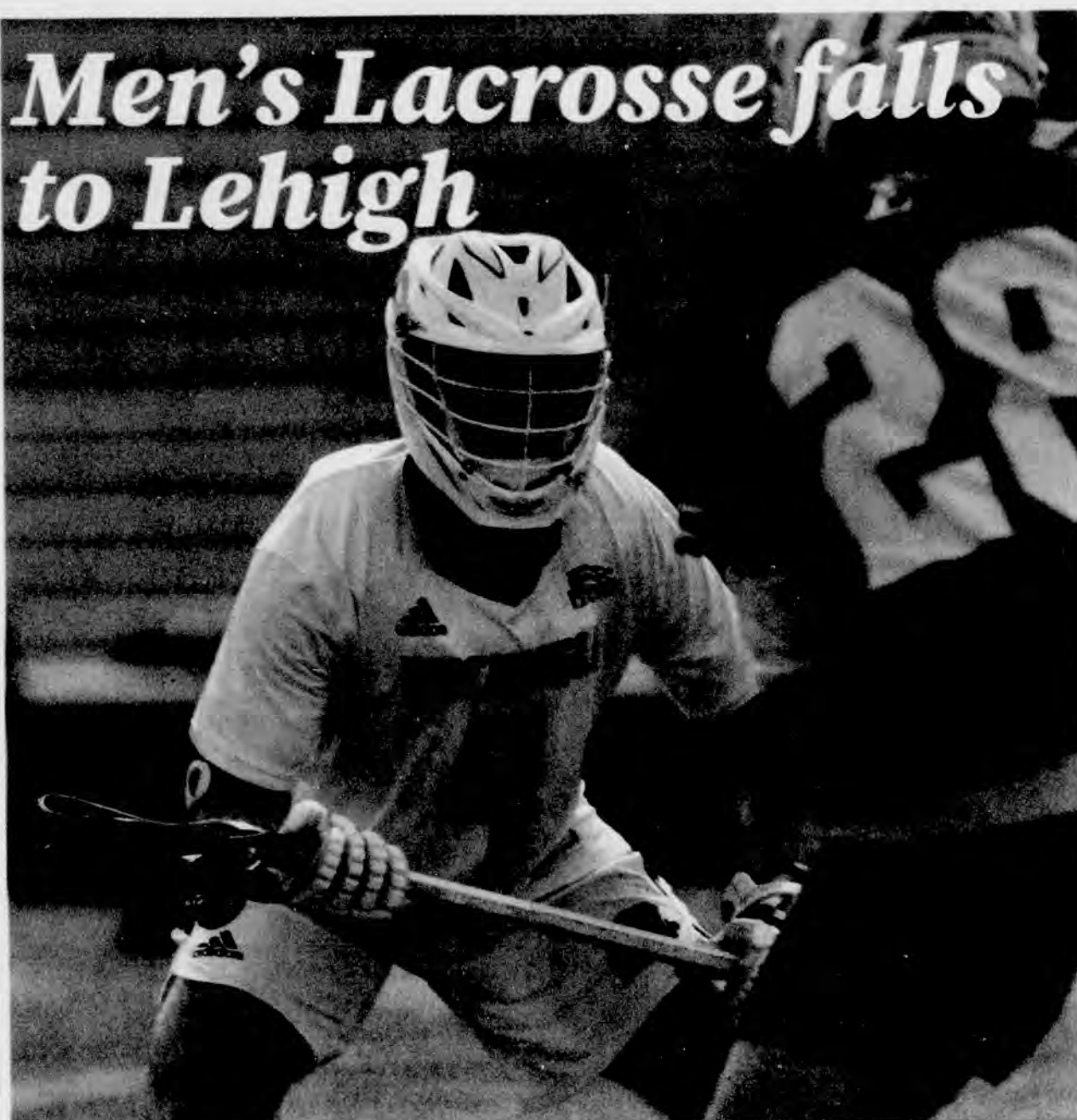
controlled the remainder of the game. Army would tally two more goals in the third and five goals in the fourth quarter, leading them to a 15-7 victory.

"The team played great in the first half," Emily Baird '24 said. "We were only down by one at halftime to a 14 ranked team. Unfortunately, in the second half, our offense was unable to finish shots, and defense got tired as Army went on a run."

Despite the challenging loss, the Bison remain optimistic about the future.

"This week we will work on connecting all positions on the field to earn a team win this weekend," Baird said.

The Orange and Blue return to Graham Field at Holmes Stadium on Saturday, April 15 to face off against American University. The match is in recognition of the Bison seniors and a celebration will take place prior to the game. The Orange and Blue will then remain home for a weeknight matchup against Loyola on April 19.



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Madison Rehak  
Staff Writer

This past weekend, on April 8, Bucknell Men's Lacrosse faced a tough Patriot League opponent, Lehigh University.

The Bison trailed Lehigh in most of the first half of the game, never being able to put more points up than the Mountain Hawks. Though the teams were tied 3-3 at the end of the first quarter, Lehigh was able to go on a four goal run shortly into the second quarter, leaving the halftime score at 7-4.

Around 10 minutes into the third quarter, Ritchie Striano '24 led a comeback effort for the Orange and Blue with help from Connor Davis '25 and Jack Fedak '23.

Bucknell outshot Lehigh 15-5 in this quarter, racing to contend for a win. The Bison were able to hold off the Mountain Hawks for about 15 minutes of play but eventually, they regained momentum. Soon after, Lehigh put up three more goals to secure the win of the game.

Davis recorded his fifth hat trick of the season. Dutch Furlong '24 also was able to secure a hat trick along with two assists for the Bison.

Overall, the Bison had very good statistics for the game. They had 37 shots on goal in comparison to Lehigh's 39.

Bucknell bested Lehigh in turnovers 20-13 as well.

Unfortunately, Lehigh was able to capitalize on 21 out of 22 faceoffs in the game.

First-year goalkeeper Jaz Zanelli made 13 saves.

"It was our last Saturday game at home against a very good opponent," Joe Scattareggia '23 said. "We played hard but fell short in the end. The Herd is fired up to play Holy Cross this weekend and get back on track and make a push for the Patty League tourney."

Bucknell Men's Lacrosse will next face another Patriot league team, Holy Cross, next weekend on April 15.

## Upcoming Events

### Men's and Women's Track and Field

- Bison Outdoor Classic  
04/14 - 04/16

### Women's Rowing

- Quinsigamond Double  
Dual 04/15

### Women's Golf

- Navy Spring Invitational  
04/15

### Women's Tennis

- Vs. Army at 9 a.m. 04/15

### Softball

- Vs. Boston University  
04/15 at 12 p.m.

### Baseball

- Vs. Army 04/15 at 12  
p.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

- Vs. Holy Cross 04/15 at  
12 p.m.

### Men's Tennis

- Vs. Lehigh 04/15 at 12  
p.m.

### Women's Water Polo

- Vs. Harvard 04/15 at  
12:30 p.m.

### Women's Lacrosse

- Vs. American 04/15 at 1  
p.m.

## Baseball goes 1-3 on the road

Charlotte Dursee  
Staff Writer

Bison Baseball started their weekend with a double header at Lafayette.

The Bison came back from trailing to win the first game 8-5. The Bison were led by Sean Keys '25 who finished with five RBIs and a three run double to close out the game and help them win the first match. They drove in four runs in the seventh inning, three of which came from Keys. Keys continues to prove himself a valuable player at bat, with huge hits against Lehigh and Penn State prior, and now Lafayette. Keys put the Bison ahead with a huge shot that hit the wall in right center.

Lafayette's first run came in the first inning against starting pitcher Chris DiFiore '23. The Bison quickly tied in the second when Tyler Dunn '25 hit a single and later came home off a double play grounder. In the next inning, Keys had a two run double and Billy Kender '25 had a two-out RBI double. However, the Leopards regained the lead in the fourth inning. They brought in four runs off of five hits.

In the seventh inning, Keys was joined by Kyle Lyons '23, Anthony Sherwin '24 and Jacob Corson '24, putting runners on the bases. After Keys brought in the runs to put the Bison ahead,

Dunn followed with an RBI to push the lead to 8-5.

Ryan Osinski '26 was on the mound and prevented any big action from Lafayette with a quick 1-2-3 inning in the ninth. Each team respectively had eight hits in the game, Corson, Keys and Dunn each had two hits.

In game two, Lafayette had their turn for a comeback in a 12-inning faceoff. This game marked the Orange and Blue's longest game of the season. The Bison were up 6-4 in the eighth when Lafayette hit a long ball to tie the game.

Pitcher Theo Farynick '23 did his best to keep the score even at 6-6. Lafayette came close to closing the game in the ninth with runners on first and second and only one out. The Bison's defense prevented any runs from being brought in and ended the inning with a double play.

The Bison were up 7-6 going into the bottom of the twelfth inning. Farynick was pitching well on the mound since he entered in relief in the fifth inning, but let up an infield hit and walked in the twelfth inning that lost them the lead. The Bison lost 8-7.

Offensively, the Blue and Orange had 15 hits. Three came from Sherwin, and Corson, Grant

Voytovich '24, Nic Adamo '24 and Chris Klein '23 had two each.

Adamo also scored three runs and after a base hit in the twelfth, and Mason Kelly '23 was his pinch-runner who brought in the fourth run. The third game of the series against Lafayette took place the next day. The high scoring game ended in a 17-11 Lafayette victory.

Despite having 14 hits, the Bison offense was unable to keep up with Lafayette. Kindred and Voytovich homered, and Keys tallied three hits and a pair.

After the first half inning, the Bison went up 4-0. Kender homered right after Dunn had a two-run single. Lafayette countered with two runs and the Bison got two more in the second and two more in the fourth.

RBIs from Voytovich and Keys put the Bison up 5-0 before Lafayette's comeback started. Tyler O'Neil '25 was pitching well until the fifth inning when Lafayette started to see some action. They were able to close the lead to 8-7.

Hadley Maxwell '26 came in to relief pitch and managed to get out of the fifth with the lead. However, the Leopards gained a 11-8 lead in the sixth.

The Bison tried to close the lead and got as close as 11-10 after a two run double from Adamo.

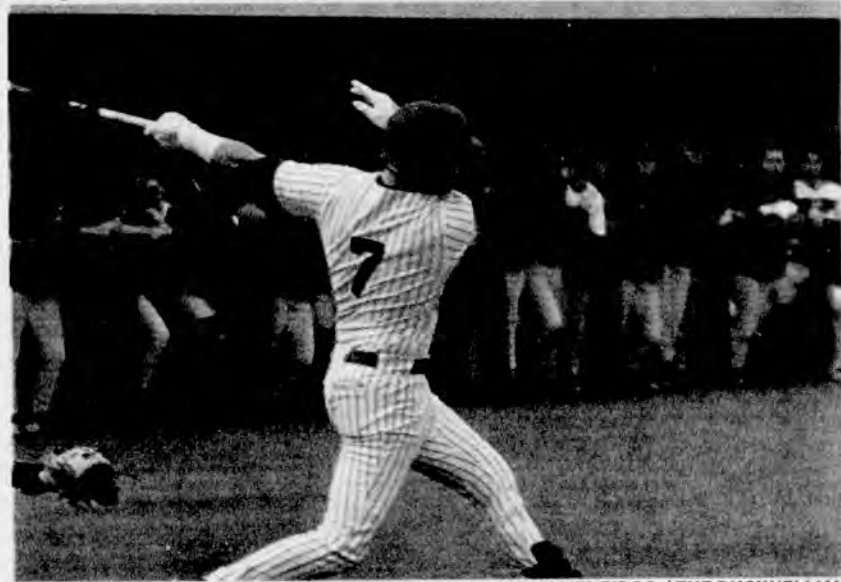
Lafayette responded with four runs in the seventh and two more in the night. The Bison were unable to make a comeback.

Tuesday afternoon, the Bison continued on the road to UMBC, marking their ninth straight away game. Brady Swenson '25 started on the mound; his first pitching appearance of the season. Swenson struck out two in the three innings and yielded an unearned run on two hits. He was taken out around the middle innings with the Bison up 4-1.

The Bison got started early offensively. Sherwin started with a walk, which was followed by a single from Corson. The bases became loaded once Voytovich was hit by a pitch. Keys brought everyone home with a grand slam, the Bison's second grand slam in seven days.

The Retrievers started to make a comeback in the bottom of the fourth. A two run homer cut the Bisons lead to 4-3. Billy Kender's RBI single pushed the score up 5-3 in the top of the fifth. But in the bottom frame, the Retrievers took over, propelled by a three run homer. In the seventh, UMBC added three more runs. Corson, Jacob Terwilliger '23 and Lyons each had two hits.

The Bison look to get back into Patriot League play against Army this upcoming weekend in a three game series.



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# Men's and Women's Track and Field sweep the weekend

Noor Kaur  
Staff Writer

This weekend, Bucknell Men's and Women's Track and Field competed at the Lehigh Games against East Stroudsburg, Kutztown, Lafayette, Lehigh, Moravian, Sacred Heart and Saint Joseph's. This non-scoring competition set them up for their upcoming meets at home and gave them a feel of the location where the Patriot League Championships will be held.

## Men's Team

For the men, Bob Feeney '23 earned first place in the hammer throw with a distance of 56.90 meters, placing him at seventh in program history.

"The Lehigh meet was awesome for a bunch of our athletes, especially within our throws group," Feeney said. "There were lots of personal bests and good throws to work with going forward. I'm excited to have thrown well, but I'm looking forward to upcoming meets to continue building on that mark!"

Teammate Jack Calisi '23 joined Feeney on the pedestal, earning third place with a 54.18 meter throw.

In the discus throw, Braden Stryker '25 took second with a 46.62 meter throw, Wade Shomper '26 earned fourth place (44.47 meters) and Angelo Regec '25 earned fifth place (44.32 meters). In the shot put competition, Anthony Zamarrá '23 finished second (16.16 meters), Shomper in fourth (15.53 meters) and Stryker in fifth place (15.49 meters).

The men claimed top spots in the 200 meter dash as well. Matthew Perello '24 took first place with a 22.14 time, followed closely behind by Brandon Foust '25 (22.24) and Ethan Wolford-Tuffy '24 (22.38), who took second and third place, respectively. Perello, Wolford-Tuffy and Foust teamed up with Cooper Hyken '26 in the 4x100-meter relay to win first place with a time of 42.69.

Hyken also competed in the 100 meter race and earned second place (11.07). Perello earned third place (11.12), and Brayden Young '26 earned fifth (11.41) in the same event. In the 400 meter dash, Zachary Jelinek '26 earned second place (50.23), Colby Belczyk '25 earned fourth place (50.78) and Alex Simpson '24 took fifth (50.84).

Competing in the 3000-meter steeplechase, Daniel Hilmer '26 performed with a time of 9:56.74 to earn second place. Grant Kern '26 placed third (9:58.93) in the same event.

In the high jump, Tristan An '25 placed second with a 1.98 meter jump. Jeffrey Cianfrocca '26 took fourth place with a 1.93 meter mark, and Thomas Cahill '24 finished fifth (1.93 meter). Chris Sims '25 competed in the triple jump (13.77 meters) to earn second place, and Matt Federovich '25 finished third in the long jump (6.56 meters).

## Women's Team

For the women's side, Brylee Tereska '26 earned first place on the javelin throw with a toss of 44.04 meters. This placed her eighth in program history. Riley Beebe '23 took second place (41.44 meters) and Phoebe Blumberg '23 earned fifth place (37.07 meters).

In the high jump, Olivia Boyce '24 and Abby Kates '24 placed first (1.68 meters) and second (1.62 meters), respectively. Boyce's performance placed her ninth in program history. Lexi Gray '23 earned second in the triple jump with an 11.48 meter mark. Jenny Scott '23 competed in the pole vault and earned second (3.65 meters), while Karly Renn '25 placed third (3.50 meters).

Maddy McGloin '24, competed in the hammer throw and won the event with a distance of 52.06 meters. Teammate Anne Glenning '24 finished third with a 46.14 meter throw. Isabelle Roes '26 earned gold in the discus throw (41.64 meters) and Christine Ajao '25 placed fifth

(38.45 meters). In the shot put, Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 threw a distance of 13.73 meters to earn second place. Avery Rebar '26 followed closely behind with a third place finish (12.53 meters). Ajao placed fourth (12.39 meters).

In the 400 meter race, Jessie Castellano '23 won first with a time of 55.80 and earned fourth place in program history.

"As a team, a lot of girls did really well," Castellano said. "Lehigh is where the Patriot League Championships will be so it was great to get a feel for the track. It was a great weekend to get confidence and momentum going into leagues!"

Bridget Lalonde '23 took second place (56.59) in the same event as Castellano, Anna Posh '25 earned third (57.52) and Katherine Loew '25 got fifth (58.09). Meghan Quinn '24 took first place in the 100-meter dash (11.80). Quinn joined Lalonde, Lila Gaughan '24 and Karen Hull '24 in the 4x100-meter relay, finishing first with a time of 47.20.

Keeley Misutka '25 earned gold with a time of 17:51.44 and Lauren Joyce '26 silver with 18:34.53 in the 5000-meter run. Tori Chace '26 earned second place in the 3000-meter steeplechase (12:01.00), and Margaret McLoughlin '26 placed third (12:15.75). Mariana Engleby '24 placed third in the 800-meter run (2:16.44).

In the 400 meter hurdles, Mikayla Horvath '23 took first (1:05.33), Sarah Durkan '24 third (1:08.10) and Meredith Haberfield '23 fourth (1:08.99). In the 100-meter hurdles, Abby Eisold '24 (15.07) placed third and Hull fourth (15.37).

Next weekend, Bucknell hosts the Bison Outdoor Classic. The track, jumps and pole vault will take place at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium, while the throwing events will take place at West Fields.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Anna Lajos '25



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Caleb Wooten  
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## Profile

### Sport

Women's Tennis

### Hometown

Saint Petersburg, Russia

### High School

American

Community School of Abu Dhabi

### Position

Singles and Doubles

In dramatic fashion, Anna Lajos '25 pulled out a 6-4 win in the third set to clinch a 4-3 victory for Bucknell Women's Tennis over Lehigh Saturday afternoon.

Lajos played at No. 2 singles spot, forced an extra frame after dropping the first set and then won 6-4 in the third to secure the win. Her opponent entered the match as Lehigh's leader in singles wins, and the victory was Lajos' 15th singles win of the season, which currently leads the team.

This was a key victory for the Bison, as they are gearing up for Patriot League Championships in the upcoming weeks. Especially with it being so late in the season, Lajos recognized the importance of this weekend and attributed the win to her focus throughout the match.

"It was initially a tough mental adjustment because my opponent played a very different style than I was used to," Lajos said. "At first, I was trying to play her game during the first set, and I quickly found myself mentally frustrated. Then I sat during the changeover between sets and told myself I had to go for it and play my game. I started playing my own aggressive style and that was really what allowed for me to come back. The feeling of winning such a hard match is unmatched, and having the support of my teammates cheering meant everything."

The Orange and Blue are an extremely talented young group, as they have no

graduating seniors on their roster. This has made the entire group to step up as leaders and grow together, which has also caused the team camaraderie to skyrocket.

"Being part of this team has honestly been life changing," Lajos said. "I think we have such a strong team dynamic and culture, and it definitely improves our performances on the court. To know that all of my teammates have my back is everything. When every girl on the team who isn't playing is screaming for you, it really makes you play even harder because you aren't just playing for yourself at that point. Having that support system and encouragement is so crucial to our success as a whole. This team is special and I'm so grateful to be a part of it."

Lajos and the Bison look to keep the momentum going as they have three matches left in the regular season, including a huge weekend with matches against Army and Colgate.

## Career Stats

- Patriot League

Academic Honor Roll

- 17-7 Singles (first year)

- 13-10 Doubles (first year)

# Women's Tennis defeats Lehigh

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Staff Writer

Bucknell Women's Tennis traveled to Bethlehem, Pa., to compete against Lehigh. The Bison gave it their all and pulled out a 4-3 victory.

The matchup between the Bison and Mountain Hawks came down to the wire, but Bucknell won the overall doubles point for the match with wins at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles.

At No. 1, the tandem of Whitney King '25 and Abby Platt '26 defeated their opponents 6-3, while No. 2 Tyne Miller '24 and Anna Lajos '25 beat their opponents 6-3.

Regarding the singles results, Bucknell won three of the six matches.

At No. 4, Platt earned a singles win with the score of 7-5 and 6-1. Additionally, at No. 6, Caroline Marcus '25 was leading 5-0 in the first set, before winning by default.

To clinch the victory for the Bison, Lajos defeated her competition at No. 2 singles. Lajos pulled out a 6-4 win in the third set. Originally, Lajos lost the first set 6-3, but battled back to a 7-6 (4) win in the second, and completed a comeback in the third set.

Now Bucknell's record stands at 2-2 in the Patriot League and 10-11 overall.

On April 15, the Bison will travel to West Point, N.Y., to take on Army at noon.

# Softball loses to Army in weekend series

Tallulah Fuhs  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Softball started off the weekend with two games on Saturday and one on Sunday, all against Army West Point.

In the top of the first inning, Haley Speicher '26 and MaKenzie Hilling '25 made it onto the bases. Zoie Smith '24 drove the ball into the left-center field gap, sending Speicher home, but Hilling sacrificed herself to send Smith to third base.

Savannah Jones '25 singled and sent Smith home, allowing Bucknell to gain a 2-0 lead. Jones stepped into the pitching circle and led the Bison to keep the Black Knights off the scoreboard.

Army kept pushing, but Jones and the rest of the Bucknell softball team worked together to prevent the Black Knights from making any advances.

No noteworthy events occurred until the fifth inning. First-year Marissa Rapino walked, followed by Annabella Hawkins '24, and Speicher singled. With bases loaded, Hilling nailed one into right field, sending Rapino home. The Bison were not able to exploit these opportunities, ending the inning with a score of 3-0.

The Bison girls kept Army in their place but carried their hitting momentum into the top of the sixth. Junior Noelle Gardon hit her first collegiate home run. Kailyn Lorberter '23 singled with Bella Radican '25

pinch-running for her. Next, Hawkins sacrificed herself with a bunt, allowing Radican to score. The top of the sixth ended with a score of 5-0.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Army scored one run off of two singles and a passing ground ball, adjusting the score to 5-1.

Jones started the seventh inning with a single and a steal of second and then third. Lorberter sacrificed herself, once again, to allow Jones to score.

Ending the seventh inning and the game overall, Army was able to take advantage of Bucknell's errors, changing the score to and ending the game as 6-4.

Game two started with Senior Olivia Marinelli in the pitching circle. Marinelli held her ground and shut out Army, but Army did the same thing to the Bison in the first inning.

Within the second inning, Bucknell took the lead. Gardon walked and Chase Knapp '23 singled to left field. Lorberter singled, causing the pitcher to make an error, allowing Gardon to score. Juliette Basso '25 singled, and Knapp scored for the 2-0 lead at the end of the second inning.

The next couple of innings were quiet with no runs, but lots of opportunities were missed out on. Army, in the bottom of the sixth, was able to score three runs off singles and errors made by the Bison.

The Bucknell women were not able to make any advancements in the seventh inning, but the same happened with the Black Knights. The game ended with a loss, 2-3.

Jones started Sunday off in the circle for the Bison.

Army was able to start the first inning with a run caused by two singles and two walks. The Bison came back to tie the score in the second inning. Gardon doubled with two outs while Lorberter followed with a single, driving Gardon back home.

Now tied at 1-1, the Bison began the third inning with a single from Speicher and a walk into a steal from Smith, but these ladies were stranded on the bases as the top of the inning closed.

Sophomore Madison Roukey entered the pitching circle in the bottom of the third, causing a stalemate to occur for the next couple of innings.

Army was able to break through this streak in the sixth inning. These girls exploited a couple of errors made by the Bucknell softball team, allowing them to find two more runs and end the game with a 1-3 score.

Although the Bison were not able to dominate the series, they still managed to have some remarkable plays and rely on teamwork to pave the way for success. We will see the Bucknell softball team return next weekend on home turf against Boston University.



# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### Jon Rahm wins Masters

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The Masters kicked off last week at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., with a roster full of famous names in golf. This year, Jon Rahm took the title, taking home around \$3.24 million and being the fourth man from Spain to ever win the tournament. He follows behind Seve Ballesteros, Sergio Garcia and José María Olazábal. Along with Ballesteros, Rahm also became the second Spanish player to win two different majors.

Rahm has been excellent this year, winning four tournaments in the past several months. He won both the Sentry Tournament of Champions and the American Express in January, as well as the

Genesis Invitational in February. His victory at Augusta National now earns him a green jacket and his fourth win. Worldwide, winning the Masters puts him at seven victories. The Masters is his second major win next to the 2021 U.S. Open.

Rahm won the tournament at 12-under 276, four strokes under the next closest player. In second was Phil Mickelson, who had a miraculous comeback after a mediocre first round. He finished his last day at 65, recording eight birdies and five on his final seven holes. Brooks Koepka tied for second. Jordan Spieth, Patrick Reed and Russel Henley tied for fourth.

Tiger Woods, a five-time Masters champion and one of the many high-profile names on the course that weekend, ended up dropping out of the tournament after his third round on Saturday. He tweeted before the final round on Sunday that he has aggravated his plantar fasciitis.

The total payout for the tournament was \$18 million, the highest in Masters history. It was raised from the 15 million handout in 2022. After this victory, Rahm became the highest paid champion to win the Masters in history, more than defending champion Scottie Scheffler who earned 630,000

less dollars the year before. This marks the largest year-to-year increase in tournament history as well. Mickelson and Koepka received about \$1.5 million each, while all the fourth place participants received a little over 700,000 dollars.

While the largest payout is not unusual, the increase is quite significant, as everyone in the top 10 will make over \$480,000, and everyone in the top 34 will make over six figures.

The champion comes out of this tournament holding several records, but also kind words for his former players. Rahm mentioned that the other Spainard legend, Seve

Ballesteros, was a big inspiration for his career. Ballesteros' history and his golf career was "incredibly meaningful" to Rahm, especially as he won the Masters on the fortieth anniversary of Ballesteros' second Masters win in 1983 and on Easter Sunday. The young golfer was even congratulated on the eighteenth green by another Spanish golf legend, José María Olazábal, who had won the Masters for Spain twice in 1994 and 1999.

For golf fans, the next major tournament will be May 18-21, where the PGA Championship will take place at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, N.Y.

## Men's Golf enjoys strong first day at Wildcat Invitational

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Men's Golf competed in the Wildcat Spring Invitational at LuLu Country Club in Glenside, Pa. The Bison competed against 14 other squads including Patriot League foes Lafayette, Lehigh, Holy Cross and Colgate.

Bucknell sat in fourth place after a round-one team total of 287, or +7. Michael Rudnick '25 was the low Bison after a round-one 69, followed by Blake Wisdom '23 who carded a 71 in the first round.

Wisdom logged a back nine 33 after a tough 42 on the front nine to finish with a 75 on day two and land a T23 individual

finish for the tournament. It was Jackson Bussell '23 leading the charge for the Bison on day two with a 70, leaping into a T13 finish on the individual leaderboard and making him the low Bison for the tournament.

The freshmen showed up to play on day two, as James Key '26 logged a 74 on both days, and James Robbins '26 carded a 72 in the second round after struggling in the first round with a 78, good for a T32 and T46 individual finish respectively.

Bucknell shot 292, or +12, on day two, keeping them in fourth place after the event

behind host Villanova, La Salle and Lehigh.

"I felt like I hit the ball well all day and made sure to not put myself in any tough positions that could lead to a high number," Rudnick said. "The course reminded me of the one I caddy at back home so I felt pretty comfortable out there."

It's been a very consistent season for Bucknell Men's Golf so far, with only four team finishes outside the top 10.

They head Fox Chapel, Pa. next to compete in the RedHawk Intercollegiate on April 17.

## Women's Golf competes at St. Johns Invitational

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This past weekend, Bison Women's Golf traveled to Hastings-on-Hudson, NY to compete in the St. John's Invitational.

The women fought hard, placing seventh out of 11 teams. These teams included Bucknell, host team St. John's, Fairfield, Holy Cross, Wagner, Indiana, Columbia, UAlbany, Seton Hall, Quinnipiac and Hartford. The first round of the invitational proved to be successful for Tatum McKelvey '23 who led the team to a 317 score and carded her season-best 77. She made two birdies on the day. This score put the senior in 77th place out of all the golfers that competed that day.

Cristina Canales '24 also had a notable performance, scoring a 79, as did Morgan Sohosky '23 with the same score. Viveka Kurup '25 also had an impressive first round with a score of 82.

Round two was a success for Sohosky, who shot her season best of 75.

Sohosky, alongside Canales who earned a 78, secured the Orange in Blue in their seventh place position.

McKelvey scored an 83, Kurup got an 81 and Tara Thomas '25 earned an 84.

"I think the team was really strong this weekend given the course we competed on," McKelvey said. "We had the opportunity

to play on the oldest golf course in the United States. This course posed challenges, but everyone on the team overcame them throughout the rounds. I was super happy with my first round and am so proud of Morgan [Sohosky] for posting a season low of 75 on day two of the tournament. I can't wait to see what this team achieves in the Patriot Leagues!"

Prior to competing in the Patriot League Championships in Midlothian, Va. two weeks from now, the Bison have one more weekend of competition to prepare. This upcoming weekend, the women will travel to the historic Annapolis, MD to compete at the Navy Spring Invitational

## Women's Rowing finishes at St. Joe's

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Bucknell Women's Rowing traveled to Leonia, N.J. this past weekend to compete at the Saint Joseph's Invitational on Overpack Creek.

Competing against the Atlantic 10, they faced their most significant competition this season. They competed in both the morning and the afternoon and secured a win for the Second Varsity Four and two second-place finishes for the Varsity Four.

The 1V8+ finished third in its heat with a time of 7:08.499 behind George Washington and

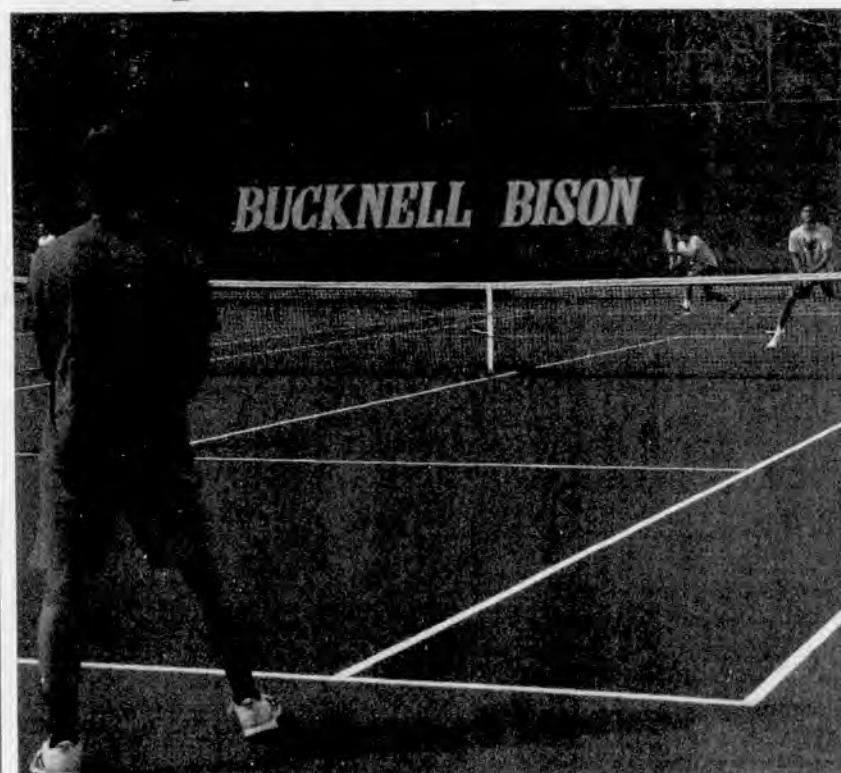
Rhode Island. They edged Marist as well. Later in the day, they defeated UConn to come in their second, third place finish of the day. The 1V8+ lineup included Juliette Gaggini '24, Hayden Groves '25, Maddie Wickers '23, Caroline Brandt '23, Logan Moore '26, Alina Kelly '25, Kona Glenn '25, Abby Malek '24 and Haley Beardsley '24.

Bucknell's 2V8+ also came in third twice, beating Marist and UConn as well. The 1V4+ defeated George Washington and Marist, placing runner-up to Rhode Island. They

competed eight seconds faster in the afternoon. The 2V4+ bested George Washington by 8.5 seconds and UConn by a significant 44 seconds in their morning race.

The Lady Bison will head to Worcester, Ma. this Saturday to compete in the Double Dual at Lake Quinsigamond. This is the same place they will be competing in for their Patriot League tournament. They have three more events, two of which will be hosted at home, prior to competing in their conference championships.

## Men's Tennis' split weekend



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Over the weekend, Bucknell Men's Tennis faced off against both Navy and Lafayette. The Bison fell to Navy 5-2, but defeated Lafayette 6-1.

The Bison hosted Navy in Lewisburg, Pa., on Saturday. This match was Bucknell's senior day, where they honored all the seniors on the team.

Bucknell won the doubles point for the match with a win at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles. The senior duo of Nick Mueller '23 and Michael Owen '23 completed an impressive 6-1 win at No. 3 doubles, while the all-freshman tandem of Amar Tahirovic '26 and Oscar Bain Moreno de Vega '26 came back from a 1-4 deficit to defeat their opponents 6-4.

Regarding the singles, they were all hard fought matches. However, Bucknell was only able to clinch a win at No. 6 singles. Brendan McDonald '26 worked hard for a straight set win against his opponent with scores of 6-2 and 6-2.

Harrison Gold '24 took the opening set at No. 1 singles 6-2, but his opponent came back to take the next two sets 6-4 and 6-4. At No. 5 singles, Tim Zelikovsky '24 split the first two sets with

his competition, but unfortunately lost the third set super tiebreaker 12-10.

Although the Bison were defeated by Navy, they regrouped and came back stronger against Lafayette.

The Bison traveled to Easton, Pa., to play against Lafayette on Sunday. The Bison bounced back from their previous game against Navy and defeated Lafayette 6-1.

Overall, the Bison clinched the doubles point for the match with McDonald and Zelikovsky winning 6-4 at No. 3 doubles, and Mueller and Owen crushing their opponents 6-0.

After the doubles victory, the Bison went on to post five straight-set singles wins.

At No. 1 singles, Tahirovic won 6-3, 6-0. No. 2 Mueller defeated his opponent 7-6, 6-4. No. 4 Zelikovsky clinched 6-1, 6-4. No. 5, McDonald was victorious 6-4, 6-2 and finally, Moreno de Vega won 6-3, 6-0.

The only point the Bison gave up was at No. 3 singles, where Owen split sets and fell in a third-set super tiebreak.

Coming up, Bucknell only has two matches remaining in the regular season. Both games will be on the road as they visit Lehigh on April 15 and Holy Cross on April 16.



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## LIV Masters hints at a grim future for LIV Golf

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The 2023 Masters heightened controversy for an otherwise peaceful sport this past weekend, as LIV Golf players faced PGA Tour players head-to-head. While Jon Rahm took home the green jacket, LIV's Brooks Koepka did not make Rahm's win easy, and this Masters has raised important questions surrounding the future of LIV players in major tournaments and their ability to compete with non-LIV players.

While this is the third major since LIV was established, Golf Digest notes that the first two occurred within its first few weeks. Therefore, the 2023 Masters was the first major tournament that could help gauge LIV's ability to compete with PGA players.

Additionally, LIV golfers did not enter April 6 unprepared — 12 of the 18 eligible LIV players made the cut and Koepka made it into the last round with a two-shot lead. Many viewers were not sure whether LIV players would be able to compete how they used to, considering how they have been playing in infrequent 54-hole events. But Koepka proved that LIV is not a detriment to their skill level, even if it is so for their reputation.

Have LIV players had enough of the scrutiny? This seems to be the case with Koepka. Golf Digest notes an interesting observation that Koepka has separated himself from the league where he can, not wearing any LIV apparel and not getting involved in LIV's lawsuit against the PGA Tour. His decision to sign a deal with LIV will never be ethically justified even if monetarily reasonable, but it is reassuring to know that the league is not amounting to be a force comparable to the PGA. And it is especially reassuring to know that even LIV golfers are coming to these realizations.

What is stopping LIV from being more successful? The obvious answer is its ties to Saudi funding, hinting at an agenda to cover up the Saudi Arabian unethical and inhumane actions. As a result of this relationship, LIV has faced consequences

from the public, the media and the rest of the golf industry.

Signing a deal with LIV Golf greatly hinders players who want to continue competing in major tournaments. The New York Times explains that majors like the Masters use a points system to determine what players qualify to compete, and points come with PGA Tour events, not LIV events. Therefore, unless a LIV player has an automatic entry into a PGA Tour event or a major from past wins, they might not be able to earn enough points to compete in majors in the next few years. And while Augusta National Golf Club did allow LIV golfers to compete in the 2023 Masters, there has been no action to change the points system to accommodate their circumstances in the future.

LIV Masters also contrasts what major tournaments are supposed to be about with what they have become. They should be about showcasing the best players and allowing them to compete against each other. This year feels different. While it added a new layer of competition between LIV players and the rest of the world, the LIV controversy has overtaken the spirit of the game.

Even after allowing LIV players to compete this past weekend, Augusta National chairman Fred Ridley agrees. He explains that "the platform that these players have built their careers on were based on the blood, sweat and tears of their predecessors" and he was "expressing some disappointment that these players were taking the platform that had been given to them — that they rightly had earned success on, by the way — and moving to another opportunity, perhaps not thinking about who might come behind them."

It is evident that LIV Golf will never be able to escape its immoral reputation and be taken seriously by other leagues, viewers and even its own players. And even though LIV players like Koepka came seemingly ready to win the Masters, their future in anything but LIV events is largely up in the air.

## From 45 to Felon: What Trump's Indictment means for the Presidential Election

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Former President Donald Trump has always adored the color orange. However, an orange prison jumpsuit may be just outside the boundaries of his affinity for the color.

Last week, a Manhattan grand jury voted to indict Trump on 34 felony accounts of falsifying business records. For the politician who once claimed Mexican immigrants were "criminals" and "rapists," ironically he is now the one facing both felony charges and a rape defamation lawsuit scheduled to begin April 25.

His 34 felony counts stem from a white-collar crime scheme known as "catch and kill" that took place between 2015-2017. The charges claim any dirt on Trump that would have negatively influenced his chances of becoming President in 2016 was purchased and buried.

According to a statement released by Manhattan District Attorney Bragg regarding the indictment, hiding this scheme meant manufacturing dozens of false entries in business

records. Additionally, this includes attempts to violate both state and federal election laws. On one occasion, \$30,000 was paid to a former Trump Tower doorman, from company American Media Inc., who claimed to have a story about Trump fathering a child out of wedlock. Another regards \$130,000 wired to adult film actress Stormy Daniels that was made through a shell corporation funded from a Manhattan bank.

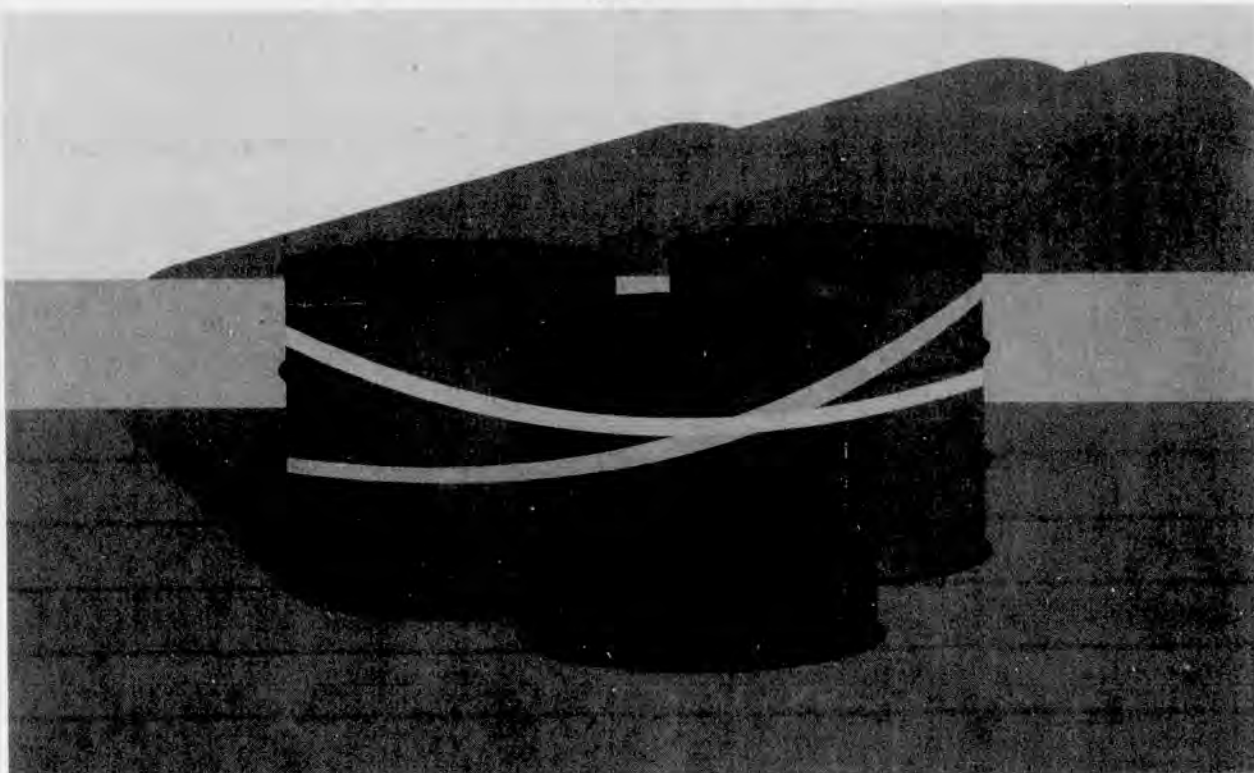
To be clear, becoming a felon would not disqualify Trump from running for President or having a second term in office. Instead, he would join the 4.6 million Americans who are barred from voting due to a felony conviction. Perhaps Trump will empathize with his fellow felons, and make it a mission for his second Presidential term to end felony disenfranchisement.

But it seems like the Trump train could be quoting Britney Spears and screaming "Mama, I'm in love with a criminal" on their way to

the polls this November. A FiveThirtyEight national poll for the Republican Presidential Primary, released on April 12, puts Trump leagues ahead of all other candidates. Trump received a whopping 49.3 percent of the national vote, with Florida governor Ron DeSantis being the closest runner-up at 26.2 percent.

Trump once notoriously claimed that he could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot someone without losing any voters. Eerily enough, it seems he could be not far off. If the polls say anything, it's that Republicans either believe Trump's word that he is "completely innocent" or that they don't mind if he becomes a felon. As a politician, Trump isn't exactly known for having a shining moral compass. Republican voters may just view this as another one of his scandals and cast their ballot for him anyways. Come November, America might have its very first felon President.

## The Biden-Harris Oil Agenda



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For the better part of his first term, President Biden has been relatively consistent with his oil and natural gas policies. As it goes, in Jan. 2021, the President signed a sweeping executive order to address several major points affecting the ongoing climate crisis. Amongst other initiatives, Executive Order 14008 put a temporary pause on the approval of new oil and natural gas licenses until a full review of the permitting process could be carried out by the Department of the Interior (DOI).

The results of the assessment showed outdated approaches and practices that hurt federal taxpayers and state budgets. The 2021 report highlighted solutions such as raising royalty and bonding rates for onshore drilling, limiting the number of onshore drilling permits that the Bureau of Land Management can approve in a year, and improving the royalty rating terms for offshore drilling to take into account extenuating financial circumstances as well as the costs of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide. Though the report offers much more in terms of issues and solutions, the point stands that the Biden-Harris Administration kicked

off their term with a giant step, toward addressing American dependence on finite fossil fuel resources.

In 2022, amidst record high gas prices, the Biden White House released a statement of a notice of sale of 15 million barrels of crude oil from the United States' Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). The move did bring prices down at the pump, but according to the U.S. Department of Energy, there are now just over 300 million barrels of crude oil left in those reserves as of March 8, while 2021 saw a final inventory of just under 600 million barrels. The 2021 inventory was equivalent to about 1,200 days of supply, which means we are currently sitting with roughly 600 days of supply at our current inventory levels.

This is both promising and quite scary. While it is a promising sign of America's weaning off of fossil fuels, it is also a scarily dramatic move to make in the span of just one year in a nation that has been dependent on oil and natural gas for decades. Beyond that, it will almost certainly prove immensely difficult to convince 330 million people that renewable energy is now America's only option.

Now, in 2023, the President is moving forward with two

big plans to increase the U.S. petroleum reserves while simultaneously protecting as much of the natural flora and fauna in the Arctic regions of northern Alaska as possible. In March of this year, the Biden-Harris Administration, in partnership with ConocoPhillips, approved the more-than quarter-million dollar Willow project. The project, though drastically reduced in scale by DOI, is meant to stake America's claim to Arctic oil found off the coast of the nation's northernmost state. The second plan almost wholly counters the project in that it designates a little less than three million acres of the Arctic Ocean as "off limits for future oil and gas leasing," according to DOI.

Overall, while the Willow project seems to be the end of all hope for moving this country off of fossil fuels, it could very well prove to be the best course of action toward this goal, especially given the limits that DOI set from the very beginning which reduced the scale of the project by a dramatic 40 percent. The Administration's background plan to protect as much of the area as possible from drilling is as good of an indicator as any that greater progress is on the horizon.



# What Date X means for U.S. and global economies

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In January of 2023, the United States reached its debt limit of \$31.4 trillion. This most directly impacts the government's ability to fulfill their financial obligations, as they will need to increase their debt to continue making payments. But it also has the potential to shake U.S. businesses and households, in addition to the global economy if the limit is not raised in the next few months. Economists and politicians are largely split in their opinions on what needs to be done to steer the U.S. economy away from a 2008-like crisis, but they are in agreement that the clock is ticking.

While Republicans think an increased debt limit needs to be accompanied by drastic spending cuts, Democrats and Biden's budget proposal are evidently more geared towards tax increases. Though, economist Mark Zandi predicts that the immense spending cuts that would appease Republicans would lead to a recession into 2024 and would lead to 2.6 million in job loss, says the New York Times.

The New York Times explains that Republicans may be on board with aspects of Biden's proposal, particularly the portion on military spending. Biden plans to increase military spending by 3.2 percent into 2024 that would go towards support for Ukraine and "nuclear deterrent" technologies. Another point of agreement for both parties is in regard to competition with China, where Biden proposes a \$9.1 billion investment towards weapons

to protect U.S. allies, according to the New York Times.

Regardless of conflicting interests and opinions, the United States needs to reach an agreement quickly. Wall Street Journal explains that following the U.S. reaching its cap in January, the Treasury has been able to "deploy special accounting maneuvers" that will allow the government to continue fulfilling its payments. But this backup plan will not last forever, and they may face defaults by summer 2023 if Congress does not take action soon. CBS News explains that the date of default has been deemed Date X.

Confidence in the Treasury and the overall U.S. economic system has been and will continue to be a fundamental indicator of how Date X will play out. The general consensus is that no one truly knows what will happen on Date X, especially regarding the state of the economy, but Brookings Institution explains that the confidence of investors in the ability of the Treasury to fulfill interest payments and not default on securities will be a massive contributor to the severity of Date X. We have seen this play out before, most recently with the Silicon Valley Bank failure and in 2008. People lose confidence in the financial system and rush to pull money from banks, creating a positive feedback loop of runs and further decaying of trust in the financial system. The implications of Date X could be much worse than what economists are predicting and may be worse than any

recession we have ever seen. The unknown facets of Date X should be enough to push the House towards a decision.

It is important to consider how a looming Date X might impact the average American. According to CBS News, the U.S. economy would fall into a recession that would lead to high unemployment and a large hit to stock and bond markets. Though, they draw on economist James Galbraith to note that Social Security has never defaulted since its establishment, and argues that even in the case of Date X, the U.S. should still be mandated to satisfy "Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and interest payments."

Additionally, CBS News describes U.S. debt as the "bedrock of the global financial system" which would mean that we would see an international impact that threatens the economic stability of other nations, similar to the 2008 financial crisis.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury explains that raising the debt limit is not a rarity. Conversely, they share that "Congress has acted 78 separate times to permanently raise, temporarily extend, or revise the definition of the debt limit - 49 times under Republican presidents and 29 times under Democratic presidents" since 1960. Therefore, reaching the debt limit is not some extraordinary event at this point in time. But if action is not taken by Congress to raise the borrowing cap or come up with a comparable solution by Date X, the impact will be detrimental and global.

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# 2023 BizPitch Competition: Uncharted is the winner

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Bucknell BizPitch is an annual competition hosted by Bucknell's Small Business Development Center. It allows for students to create a pitch where they present a new product or service. In a Shark Tank style, students present to a panel of judges who then question them and give them feedback about their product.

Bucknell's Small Business Development provides free consulting to the students in order for students to plan, prepare and refine their pitch. The finals for BizPitch took place on April 10 at 6:30pm in the Terrace Room. This year, the four finalists were GeoRef, Prime Air Nebulizers, Uncharted and Allergy Aid.

The three judges for BizPitch were all successful Bucknell alumni who have made a career in business. Judge Anthony Lewis '04, is Vice President at Morgan Stanley. He graduated from Bucknell with a degree in Economics and then went on to earn an MBA from the University of North Carolina. He is also founder of Manhattan Exercise Company and has immense experience in starting a business.

Judge Pamela Gilmour '76, is the founder of Financial Fitness and graduated from Bucknell with a degree in accounting. She also is an active volunteer for Maryland Alzheimer's Association and the national board for Women in Insurance and Financial Services.

The last judge was Mike Molinet '04, who is the Co-Founder of Branch, a mobile linking platform that provides the power to many applications. He graduated from Bucknell with a mechanical engineering degree and earned an MBA from Stanford.

## Uncharted

Designed by engineering majors Will Carcieri '23, Stevie Rauch '23 and Ben Carcieri '23, Uncharted aims to promote new artists through a discovery app. The top 0.7 percent of artists control most of the music industry. This app will be the first to bring people who want to discover new music to new artists.

The students created the application based on personal experience with aspiring artists.

"We have a ton of family and friends who are aspiring artists and we have watched them struggle to get their music out there. We were inspired by TikTok and how anyone can post a video and have it blow up. We want to create a platform that allows any artist to get their music heard, no matter how small" Carcieri said.

## Winners of Awards

Uncharted won the grand award and received a \$5,000 prize. Viewers of the event were also able to vote for a "fan favorite" which Uncharted also won, receiving a \$2,500 prize. Prime Air won the \$2,500 Changemaker Award for the impact the product has the potential to make on underserved communities around the world. GeoRef and Allergy Aid both won the \$1,846 Bucknell Entrepreneurship Award.

Uncharted aims to use the Grand Prize winnings to further development of their business.

"We will use the winnings to secure all the necessary domains and protections. We're also hoping to recruit another programmer to help us finish development in time to release the app by early August," Ben Carrier said. He also attributes a lot of his success to the guidance provided through BizPitch.

"BizPitch was such a great experience. We learned so much and we're thankful for all the guidance from our SBDC mentors," he said.

## Prime Air Nebulizer

Biomedical Engineering major Simbi Maphosa '23 developed this asthma treatment product to help the citizens of her home country of Zimbabwe. She was inspired to create the product due to the struggles her Grandma would have to go through to obtain asthma medication.

The product has a very easy design that is able to provide life saving treatment for patients with asthma. Underserved communities often cannot get access to the health care tools that they need; this product is aimed at providing a solution to this problem through a portable and cost-effective device that does not require electricity. Her end goal is for NGOs (non-governmental organizations) to buy the product in bulk and teach the citizens of underprivileged countries how to use it.

## Allergy Aid

Kim Magnotta '25 created this application in order to map out restaurants that are allergy friendly. Kim herself has many food allergies and all her life has had to deal with the struggle of trying to find restaurants she can eat at. This application aims to "take the fear out of food," she said. Restaurants are able to pay to be certified as allergy friendly and can pay to appear more quickly on the application. Kim's ultimate goal is for others with food allergies to confidently find restaurants that will accommodate their needs.

## GeoRef

This sports scheduling app was created by first year students: Anna Ottman '26, Crosswhite '26 and Hunter Gehman '26. The goal of this app is to better manage referee scheduling for sports leagues. They have implemented a unique algorithm that uses location, time and distance in order for referees to find games to go to.

It was noted that a big problem with sports leagues is finding referees to cover games at the last minute. This application aims to solve this issue. The main goal of the application is to be an "all-in-one solution for sports league management," the group said. Once they have refined the application on a local level, GeoRef aims to take the application to the national level.

## How to Apply?

The BizPitch competition is open to any Bucknell student. Each company must also be at least 50 percent owned by a current Bucknell student. Students who are interested in applying to BizPitch can visit this link to apply. <https://www.bucknell.edu/academics/beyond-classroom/bizpitch-competition>.





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## Investigative: Creek under old Art Building rumored to have been used for chemical disposal



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A dusty dance studio in the basement of the old Art Building was once a Chemistry laboratory and is rumored to have had a set of doors leading directly to the creek below. According to stories, it was used to dump harmful chemicals into the waterway.

The disposal was not documented in Bucknell's archives and there are no current or retired faculty that could confirm whether it took place or not, but they agreed that it was common practice in the 1920s and 1930s.

"Given the reigning ethos at the time, I think it would be way more surprising to learn that Bucknell was decades ahead of its time in being concerned about environmental pollution," Associate Professor of Geography Duane Griffin said.

Also missing from the archives, and Bucknell Facility's digital records, are the initial blueprints

for the building — which could have disclosed the initial intent for the doors. Current blueprints do not include the doors.

### Background on the building

The old Art Building was constructed in 1889 and initially housed the Chemistry and Physics departments. Bucknell's records said it was a gift from William Bucknell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1882–1890, and named the Physical and Chemical Laboratory.

Although the building originally didn't bridge over Miller Run, it was extended in 1920 to cover a portion of the creek, according to the archive report. It was between the 1920s and 1930s that faculty say most of the creek dumping would have taken place, if it occurred.

About 35 years after the building's enlargement, in 1955, the building became home to the Music and Art Building; as it remained, with minor renovations, until

2000. Then the Music Department moved to Sigfried Weis Music Building, allowing the building to become the Art Building for the next two decades.

The "antiquated" Music and Art Building became nothing more than a storage space in 2021 after the construction of Holmes Hall, which became the new residence of the Department of Art and Art history, according to Bucknell University Archives.

Miller Run, the creek running under the building, begins around Bucknell's golf course. It then flows under the club's practice range, through underground pipes, into private property that was built on a coal ash landfill. It then crosses under Route 15, continues through a concrete-lined channel on campus, and empties into a larger creek, where it then meets the Susquehanna River.

### "Hearsay" and a "joke"

Why would Bucknell extend the building overtop of Miller Run?

That question has sparked speculation and rumors for decades about disposing of harmful chemicals into Miller Run, according to current and retired faculty. Many of whom said they are afraid that the answer has been lost to time.

"The 'joke' was that the old chemistry building was built over [Miller Run] so that waste disposal could be expedited," Professor Emeritus John Cooper said. "Everyone who worked in that building as a chemist is now dead. So I have nothing to contribute except 'hearsay' and I can't even recall who said it."

Stories about the chemical dumping were always told "aghast" of the irresponsibility of the participants' fault, according to Cooper. He isn't the only one that has heard the stories.

"It is legendary — and perhaps true — that the old chemistry building at the bottom of campus was built over the stream, with a door in the floor, for easy disposal

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## Bucknell Hosts 10th Sustainability Symposium

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News Co-Editor

Bucknell held their 10th Annual Sustainability Symposium at the ELC on April 14 and 15. The symposium, which focused on environmental humanities, was hosted by the Center for Sustainability & the Environment, which supports making a greener campus.

The event was created as a celebration of the disciplines as they relate to the natural world, and displays the work of students, faculty and staff, organizers said.

At 5 p.m., there was a dinner in the President's Dining room, with marked cards and opening entrees already on display. It was a private event, so only those who were specially chosen by the symposium had access to it. Meanwhile, all of the people who were participating in the symposium, those who made posters and oral presentations, set up their work in the Terrace Room and had dinner elsewhere.

The symposium began at 6:30 p.m. when the Co-Chairs of the event, Dr. Shaunna Barnhart and Dr. Milton Newberry, III began reading from their letter.

"This year's symposium, Moving from hope to action: Building thriving communities, builds on this foundation and specifically provides faculty, staff, students, practitioners, and community stakeholders a forum to share research, teaching, creative works, and collaborations that generate dialogue on action towards creating prosperous communities," Barnhart and Newberry said.

"Last year, we discussed the power of radical hope as the foundation of future research, teaching, and community engagement," the Co-Chairs continued, "This year, we move forward to discussion on actions that help conserve natural and human communities, stories of challenges and achievements, and reflection on best management and collaboration practices that guide communities towards thriving futures in an ever changing world."

President Bravman spoke following the chairs. He said "thriving is one of my favorite words because it means 'sustainable success.' We have a goal for our university [to thrive]. The notion of a thriving community at Bucknell is powerful to me. Being an educator means that we must have 'radical hope' for the future."

Next, Bravman discussed the definition of "radical" in the Oxford English dictionary. After listing off a few definitions — as well as synonyms — he finally settled on the chemistry definition of radical, and further spoke on bringing about a chemical reaction or "change." After that, he welcomed Dr. Curt Gervich, a professor of Environmental Science from SUNY Plattsburgh on the theme of "The Mighty Nature of Small Places."

Gervich introduced his students, who spoke about a U.N. climate change simulation.

The first thing he did was show a picture he took of a small village in the Hani

region of China. He spoke about the community in that local place, and then he mentioned how the Bucknell farm is trying to replicate those practices in their own environmental cultivation.

Gervich mentioned many towns around the world that engaged in sustainable farming and how they benefited from it: "We see examples of [ingenuity] throughout all of these small communities throughout the world."

He said that unsustainable communities operate under the boom or bust cycle, where times are good, and the money rolls in until it doesn't. He then spoke about tobacco farmers who turned to squash after their tobacco farms went under.

Gervich ended his talk by detailing the hydraulic fracking issue in cities to the north, and the nuclear plant on Three Mile Island to the south.

"Lewisburg Pa. is a microcosm of the world, and all of the present problems we face are here," he said.

On Saturday, a numerous number of seminars and panels occurred, including Oral sessions concerning equity, diversity and the environment. There were also posters of numerous presentations from environmental students and professors alike.

The poster competition, which dealt in different illustrated scientific studies, displayed many student-led studies.

In the competition, Tyler Luong '22 was awarded third place for his presentation on "Enabling the Internet of Vegetables." In second place, Morgan Powell '26 had a presentation about "Determining Best Practices for Bike Policy: Improving the Lewisburg Borough's Bikeability through Community Consultation."

In first place, Claire Marino '23 had a presentation on "Solanum acanthopisum: a new dioecious bush tomato species from the Australian Monsoon Tropics."

"I have spent the last several years working with Dr. Chris

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## President Bravman responds to BSU demands, says they "continue to have conversations"

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Bucknell Student Government President Sam Douds '25 said President Bravman responded to the resolution from the previous session, including the list of demands from the Black Student Union, in the organization's April 16 meeting. Douds shared Bravman's email with The Bucknellian, with his permission.

"University administrators have met with BSU student leaders regarding their demands, which we are actively addressing," Bravman said. "We continue to have conversations with BSU to determine how Bucknell can make changes that better support Black students in truly lasting and meaningful ways."

Black Student Union leaders said they could not comment on the ongoing conversations, but said BSU will release a statement by the end of the semester to update campus. Douds said his conversation with Bravman will hopefully lead to university administrators helping BSG's social policy.

Prior to discussing Bravman's email, the Congress sat through two brief presentations. The first was a club spotlight of LACOS, the Latinx student organization on campus that is meant to create a "space" and act as a "home away from home" for a lot of Latin-American students.

Gabby Diaz '25 and other presenters discussed their mission, what the club means to them and the details of a Quinceanera-themed

gala occurring next week sponsored by the club.

After that, the Office of Civic Engagement, represented by Lynn Pierson, briefed the BSG on the office's mission, goals and values. They also explained how students can get involved with new advances on social media and the staff in general to improve communication and training.

Pierson ended with ways the OCE has assisted the community, by improving food security, mental health and the new program "Engage Bucknell," a data collecting system to see what Bucknell students are interested in with regards to volunteer work and community service.

"This, overall, helps us understand how Bucknell is making an impact on the community and where," Pierson said.

BSG then went into their weekly roll call, revised and approved the minutes from last week and took public comments. Douds said he also met with the leader of the Transgender Visibility Walk-Out and explained initiatives on DEI training for senators and house members. Congress then went into lighter fare.

The first, being a description of the event "Pizza, Puppies, and Public Safety," was passed swiftly with unanimous support. The second was another quickly approved piece of legislation to fund food for a dinner for the Environmental Racism and Justice Panel.

BSG then presented the third change to the by-laws which would help make the elections of the student government more

transparent and sensible. They tackled the requirements to run for specific office and how advertising, financial barriers and penalties would work for future elections. The resolution was passed with some discussion and deliberation.

The fourth resolution explained the premise around the at-large committee on elections, specifically who it consists of and what it is responsible for. The fifth resolution presented a BSG feedback form that students can do to express their opinions and the logistics around it.

The session ended with members giving weekly updates on their respective committees and upcoming events to end the school year. The next, and final, Bucknell Student Government session will be on April 23.



# breaking the bubble

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## DOMESTIC

Last Monday, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy unveiled a plan to raise the debt ceiling for a year, return the federal government spending to fiscal year 2022 levels and limit spending increases over the next 10 years to one percent of annual growth. The plan aims to curb spending by pulling back unspent COVID-19 funds, implementing additional work requirements for recipients of federal aid, boosting oil and gas production and reforming the permitting process. Whether the bill would raise the debt ceiling by a specific dollar amount or suspend it until a certain date is not known, but both moderates and conservatives still seem to have widespread support.

President Joe Biden signed an executive order last Tuesday issuing more than 50 directives across nearly every Cabinet-level agency for expanded and guaranteed access to affordable long-term care and child care. The Office of Personnel Management is directed to review child care subsidy policy and consider setting standards for all federal government employees to access assistance. The executive order further seeks to improve working conditions for early educators, long-term care workers and child care workers. The Department of Health and Human Services is instructed to increase benefits for Head Start employees and issue regulations to ensure Medicaid funding for care workers.

## INTERNATIONAL

According to the U.N. more than 200 people have died in Sudan's armed power struggle since last Saturday. The fight for control over the country is between the army and the paramilitary group, the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). Last Tuesday a U.S. diplomatic convoy was attacked amid ongoing fighting in the nation's capital, Khartoum, sparking concern for U.S. citizens in the area. The U.S. Mission to Sudan issued a security alert to U.S. citizens. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken told reporters last Tuesday at the G7 Foreign Ministers' Summit that he had contacted the leader of each force in the conflict to demand a ceasefire out of concern for civilian deaths. Though a ceasefire was agreed upon, the fighting could not be stopped. The United States appears to be losing the battle for influence in Sudan to Russia, whose mercenaries from Russia's Wagner group have reportedly not been attacked as they drive through Khartoum.

Fox News and Dominion Voting Systems settled their defamation lawsuit for \$787.5 million on Tuesday, just before the court's opening arguments were set to begin. The jury had been set to decide whether Fox News is guilty for publishing the false claim that Dominion's voting machines were rigged in the 2020 election. The company filed the lawsuit against Fox News in 2021, challenging claims made by hosts and guests on Fox News, Fox Business and host Lou Dobbs's social media that had slandered Dominion's name and encouraged conspiracy. Originally, Dominion had sought \$1.6 billion in damages.

## SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM

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Martine and Dr. Tanisha Williams on describing a new species of Australian bush tomato from Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory Australia using measurements from plants in Bucknell's greenhouse." Marino said.

"The results from these measurements strongly support our hypothesis that this bush tomato is a new species and separate from its two closest related species, and I am thrilled to be able to be a part of this project. I have also had the wonderful opportunity this past year to work with my mentors as well as Dr. Melody Sain on my honors thesis, which examines boundaries between other species of Australian bush tomatoes in Western Australia."

Marino's manuscripts and honors thesis will be submitted for publication following this semester.

Danielle Acocella '25, who initially went to the symposium for her Geology class, said "in environmental classes, it is easy to feel hopeless as we continue to learn new consequences human actions have been doing to the environment. However, Dr. Gervich gave a very interactive and engaging talk about his views on the environment."

She continued, "he used games to keep the audience participating and brought a more hopeful perspective to how we can brainstorm ideas to better the environment: through sustainability and community. Overall, I really enjoyed the event and I would definitely take a class taught by Dr. Gervich."



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## Panelists debate "The First Amendment and School Curriculum"

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The Open Discourse Coalition hosted a panel discussion on April 18 titled "The First Amendment and School Curriculum" as part of their yearly series on "Culture and the Constitution."

The forum was composed of four panelists, all from related, yet different, backgrounds and careers with differing perspectives on certain topics. This panel aimed to discuss controversies over history and race, sex, gender and how to incorporate different constituencies and demographics while not infringing upon any constitutional right.

The first person within the group was a man named Bion Bartning, founder of the Foundation Against Intolerance and Racism. The message of

the program surrounds what it means to be "pro-human."

Bartning brought up the common banality, "it feels sometimes as if a few years occur during centuries, and when centuries occur a few years." He claimed that with the rise in activism over the years, specifically with regards to race, this country is part of the latter.

Bartning shared his belief that humans are putting too much emphasis on divisive ideology, which flames the fires of cancel culture. After sharing a personal experience he endured with his children's school's "anti-racist" curriculum, he shared his aspiration for a world where people come together not as different races, but the human race.

Bartning said, "being pro-human is recognizing in ourselves that everyone has a unique identity and shared humanity."

He warned that teaching race consciousness and instilling a learned helplessness to young kids would be against what Martin Luther King, Jr. preached and the pillars of a fair and humane education in general.

Ashley White, the next panelist, disagreed with Bartning. She said black and brown kids should not use their race to advocate for "pessimistic activism, but as a strategy knowing the cards are already stacked against you."

White studies as a professor on subjects such as ethno-racism, diversity, language, inclusivity and how that affects things such as classroom content, legislation and funding within schools. After citing the history of racial schooling since Brown v. Board and what is currently going on in some conservative states, she argued that equitable solutions are necessary to end culture wars.

Professor Mark Regnerus joined via Zoom from Texas to discuss if and how sex education should be instructed in schools and from what age levels. He noted that large and controversial conflicts regarding sex education in younger grades but stated that "for any age, parents have a right." This means that if parents do not want their children exposed to such information, they should have the option to excuse them from it.

But to whether sex education should be taught in schools, Regnerus believes that an ignorant mind is more dangerous than an understanding one. Because it is likely that students in high school and college are interested in sex, he believes it would be dangerous on the educators' end not to facilitate them with learning, considering the harmful sources students can turn to if they choose.

Finally, Dr. Amy Brainer discussed what is at stake for LGBTQ+ students in the classroom. She shared the danger that certain legislation and hate speech has on this group of students. She also advocated for the need for more LGBTQ+ history to be taught in schools because it will help destigmatize the demographic and combine it with American history overall.

"The cost is born not only by the parents of the child but the child themselves... like all people, we are a part of the fabric of society and what happens to us happens to everyone," Brainer said.

The panel ended with a brief Q&A where questions involving the panelists' personal experiences, discussing sensitive topics with young kids and the hyper-pessimism towards gender and sexuality were all brought up.

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## Bucknell Theatre and Dance performs choreographer's showcase

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Bucknell Theatre and Dance presented the 2023 Spring Choreographer's Showcase on April 14 and 15 in the Tustin Black Box Theatre. The Showcase consists of more than 20 short dance compositions, many of them choreographed by students of DANC262: Dance Composition as their final project.

The dancers utilized a variety of styles, with some utilizing well known songs, sans-words, such as "Bare Necessities" from The Jungle Book movie and "Skate!" by Bruno Mars and Anderson .Paak (Silk Sonic).

Some dances were specific to the date of the performance. The Bionettes and Bison Girls performed during the Friday show only, and a piece choreographed and performed by members of the South Asian Student Alliance was also exclusive to this show as well. Dance Professor Er-Dong Hu's dance performed by Chinese Swords and Fans students was only performed on Saturday.

A dance choreographed by Professor Kelly Knox and performed by students of Modern I was performed on Saturday.

"The Choreographer's Showcase is one of the supreme highlights of my year," Knox said. "I love witnessing the range of well-crafted pieces made by Dance Composition students, and the experience is made even sweeter when the various technique classes and student groups add to the mix. It is a true celebration of dance."

Sam Kellish '25, a student of DANC262, choreographed a piece entitled "Metamorphosis," set to "Vitamin String Quartet" and performed by six dancers.

"The Spring Choreographer's Showcase is something I look forward to every year," said Kellish. "This year was my first time choreographing, and I loved seeing my piece come to my life with my amazing cast of dancers. My favorite part about the Spring Showcase is watching what other students

come up with, the show has so much variety each year."

Isabelle Levesque-Du Bose '23 was one of the directors for this year's showcase.

"Showcase has been an integral part of my Bucknell experience, having danced in the production since my freshman year and becoming the current co-director for the Spring Choreographer's Showcase," said Levesque-Du Bose. "As someone who has also taken this class, I can say from experience that it is not easy work and I have been absolutely blown away with every choreographer's pieces and have enjoyed being a part of their choreographic process."

"I know that this show wouldn't have been the same without my amazing co-director Hailey Jacobs, and we have become even closer friends through dancing and directing together," Levesque-Du Bose continued. "I also encourage everyone to attend the MainStage concert next weekend!"

Alice Jackins '25 is credited with lighting design for fourteen of the performances in the show but also had the opportunity to choreograph one of the pieces, "Paint It Grey."

"This was my dance debut at Bucknell and first time taking a dance class here," Jackins said. "I felt really encouraged to step outside my comfort zone and express myself through choreography. We were challenged to be vulnerable and tell stories important to us. I got to work with six really lovely dancers who were patient with me as I tried new things and was learning as I went. I wanted to feature each of them and their talents."

"As a lighting designer I got to work with a lot of choreographers as well as student groups," Jackins continued. "As a designer, my objective was to enhance the choreographers' passion and story that they were telling. It's really cool to work with the student groups and see dance from various cultures, and how they work with light. Lighting really sets the tone and mood for the dance, sometimes without the audience even noticing."

## CREEK DUMPING

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of chem lab chemicals," Professor Emeritus Ben Marsh said.

He couldn't provide any further information beyond a list of names who may know more, that is how The Bucknellian spoke to Professor Emeritus Charles Root.

"Although I'm the oldest living member of the Chemistry Department, I am too young to have ever worked in the old Art building (I came to BU in 1965)," Root said, in an email. "I did hear stories of events that took place, but I can't say with any accuracy what took place."

None of the three retired faculty members said they could provide any further details.

Associate Professor of Geography Duane Griffin first heard the rumor of chemical dumping in 1999, when he joined members of the class of 1939 for a reunion dinner.

"A few weeks earlier, Miller Run flooded, the building became a dam, and a lot of very valuable musical instruments were damaged," Griffin said. "I had just moved here, that was my first flood, and I was marveling about why anybody would put a building athwart a creek. The response was 'chemical disposal.'"

Despite the lack of documentation and official recordings, Griffin said he still believes the dumping could have happened.

"The first is a question that, for most of the past few centuries, rarely ever came up: not 'why would they do that?' but 'why not?'" he said.

Waterways across the country were commonly used as waste sewers, such as the steel mills, tanneries, slaughter houses and mines along the Susquehanna River over the past century. Griffin said he'd be surprised if any early environmentalists would have given the relatively small lab disposal any thought.

"And even if they did, there was no chemical/hazardous waste disposal industry like there is today... so the only alternative to environmental dumping was to bottle it up and store it," he said. "We know that's what they did at the original chemistry labs located where the Facilities plant is today, because workers digging around there today often turn up antique bottles of nasty chemical and other lab waste."

The convenience of "just flushing it into the creek" must have at least been a consideration, Griffin said.

### Miller Run today

In the Spring of 2009, the Henry Luce Foundation Grant to the Bucknell University Environmental Center sponsored a research project focused on creating a plan for the restoration of Miller Run.

Although the report did not include any information about the rumored disposal methods, it did write that the creek has been "greatly impacted by human use" through "construction near or around the stream as well as the channelization of the stream itself."

According to the study's findings, there are "several problems that are associated with Miller Run from a water chemistry perspective." Compared to streams of its size, Miller Run apparently had "significantly higher" levels of ion concentration, which can harm the ability of animals and plants to acclimate to the waters.

In 2015, there was a restoration project sponsored by the Bucknell University Environmental Center's Watershed Sciences and Engineering Program, and a \$270,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

## Bucknell launches Arts and Sciences Week

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Arts and Sciences Week at Bucknell University is a time for the students who are a part of the college to connect with one another, participate in engaging activities, and take a break from the stress of upcoming final exams. This year, the program planned and hosted by the college staff, including Christian Melgar '23, takes place from April 17 through April 21.

There is a series of events for students to participate in this year. Earlier this week there was an Arts & Science showdown in the Weis Center featuring Two Past Midnight, Bucknell Silhouettes, Bison Girls Dance Team and The Offbeats.

There was also a club fair for organizations connected to Arts & Sciences hosted for students looking to continue to participate in extracurriculars that relate to what they are studying. Additionally, the

Dean's Student Advisory Council hosted a de-stressing event ahead of finals, complete with therapy dogs.

"The fair was so great to see," Jenna DeLuccia '26, who attended the club fair event, said. "It really made me proud to be a part of the Arts & Science College at Bucknell."

On April 20, there will be a Posters Plus Symposium hosted by The Center for Social Sciences Research running from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Academic West. There will also be a session with The Center for Career Advancement on Career Competencies called "Assessing Where You Fit" at 5 p.m. in the Elaine Langone Center.

Melgar, who organized the Symposium, had this to say about the event:

"The Center for Social Science Research Posters Plus research symposium is an annual event that features undergraduate student research in the social sciences. There are over 50 students sharing posters and e-portfolios

this year, representing a range of disciplinary perspectives and utilizing a variety of methodologies. This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about research and getting involved. Students can expect to hear from a wide variety of different research topics and passions."

Finally on April 20 and 21, there will be stress balls, more therapy dogs and ice cream at the outdoor Ice Cream Social event, which provides an opportunity for Bucknellians to relax and destress ahead of finals season.

All of these events create opportunities for the students of the College of Arts & Sciences to branch out and make new friends, learn more about their respective disciplines, and gain insight into post-graduation pathways. Most importantly, the Arts & Science Week gives Bucknellians an exciting opportunity to engage with the Bucknell students, staff, and alumni as a whole.

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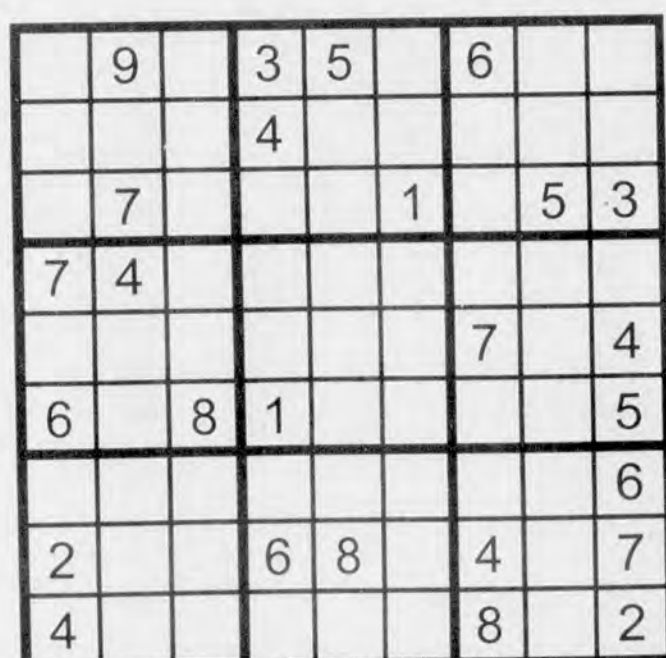


## Students take to the water in annual Canoe Battleship



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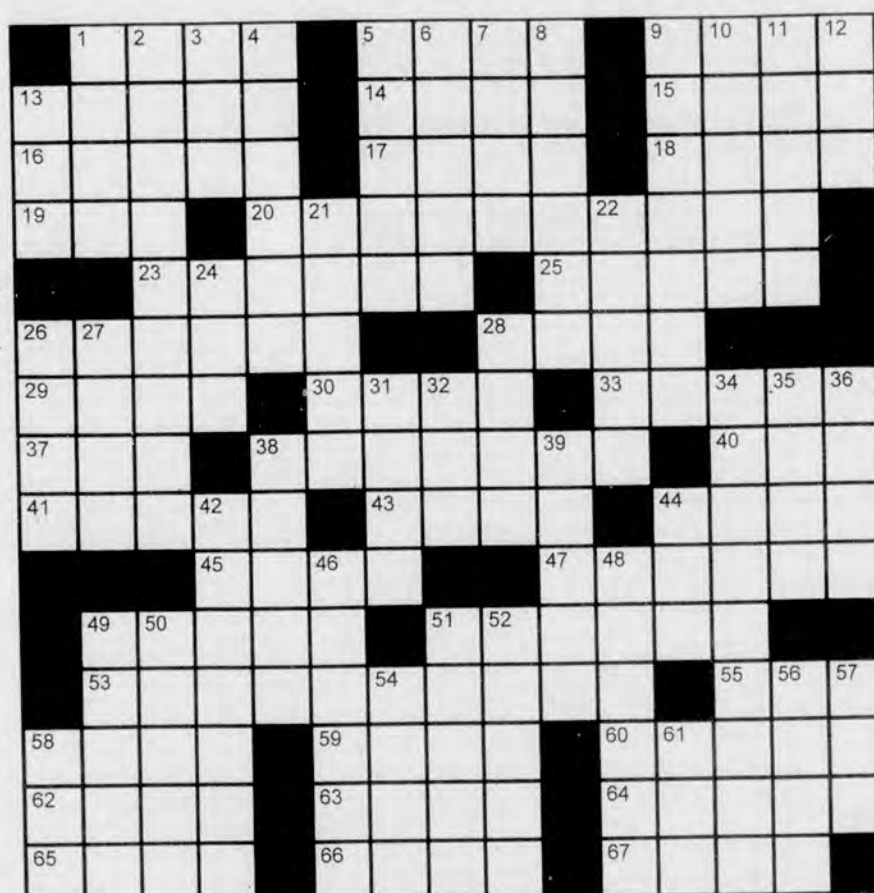
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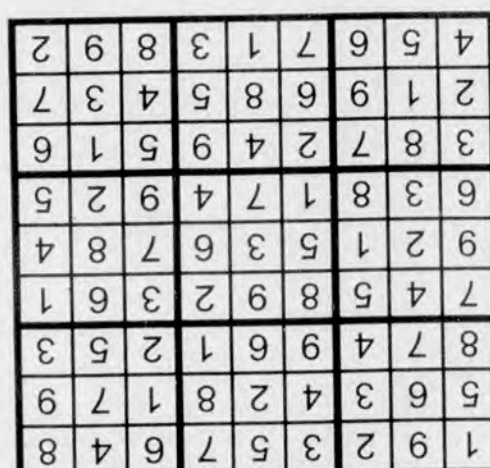
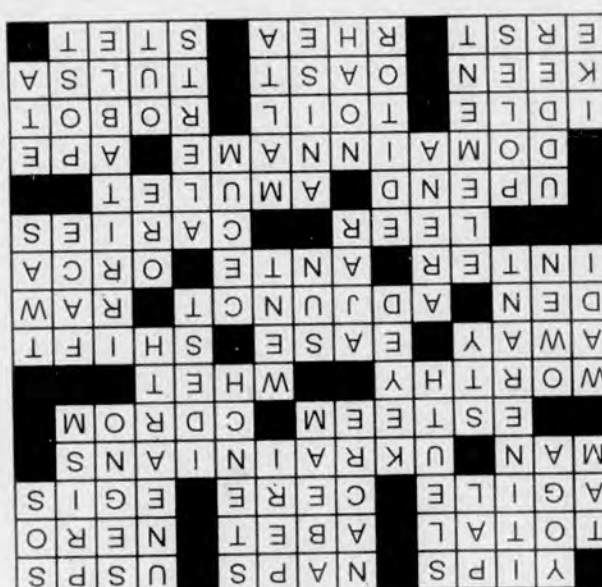
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# Spooky, old Art Building is haunted!

Tyler Thrutchley  
Staff Writer

October 29, 2022. It was the beginning of Halloween. But not for Rooney Martin '26. As is the case for many underclassmen guys during Halloween, Rooney had no idea how he would spend his Friday night. So, he decided to embark on an adventure with his friend Max Rockwell '26 to visit Bucknell's biggest mystery: the old Art Building.

The building had been deserted in 1973, and legend had it that the building was haunted. Rooney and Max had gone to numerous haunted houses before, so what was the worst that could happen?

Since the building was stationed just off the southern tip of Bucknell's campus, Rooney and Max were able to spend the trek to the Art Building discussing their game plan. The plan was simple; after entering, they would split up, conducting a peripheral search of the building. They wanted to prove to their fellow Bucknellians that the building was haunted, so they decided that Rooney would film the entire journey on his phone to ensure that they had proof.

After arriving at the old Art Building, the two friends were disappointed in their initial findings. It looked like a normal art building, but without any modern technology and enough dust to make an elephant sneeze. But Rooney and Max shrugged and stuck to the plan, Max taking the downstairs and Rooney going up.

After 30 minutes of searching in vain, Rooney and Max were on the verge of giving up. But just as they reunited and were

about to exit the building, they heard a chuckle in the distance

And it got louder, and louder and louder until it sounded as if a cackling witch was ringing in Max's ears. His intuition turned out to be correct, as an old, wrinkly witch came into view.

"You aren't supposed to be here!!!" cackled the witch. And before they could even blink, the witch darted toward them.

Sprinting as fast as they could, Max and Rooney descended the stairs at a record pace. Rooney's camera was fixed on the witch as he backpedaled down the stairs, almost tripping over his own feet.

With uncanny agility for an old hag, the witch came within an arm's reach to Max and Rooney. Luckily, Rooney slammed the door shut before she had a chance to pounce.

Exhausted and exhilarated, the two friends laid on the grass. "Let's see the footage!" Max exclaimed.

But to Rooney's dread, it dawned on him that he was no longer in possession of his phone. And just then, the witch's head emerged from a second floor window, dangling Rooney's phone in hand.

"Forgetting something?" the hag taunted.

Without another thought, Max and Rooney were sprinting as fast as they could away from that Art Building. At that point, they didn't care about proving anything to their friends. Rooney didn't even care about his phone.

They had never wanted to get back to campus so badly.

## Housing crisis solved by Bucknell West's new 8 beds

Aaron Chin  
Satire Co-Editor

It's no secret that the housing crisis on campus is severe. With many students scrambling to find housing each year, the University has worked to find some creative, innovative solutions to this devastating problem. Chief among these solutions is the addition of a whole new eight beds to Bucknell West.

One student was particularly relieved to hear that the housing problem had been solved. Sophomore Holm Less accidentally missed his housing selection time since he slept through his 8:00 a.m., 8:05, 8:10, 8:15, 8:20, 8:25, and 8:30 alarms until he finally decided to get out of bed. To his dismay, he saw that literally all of the housing options were taken, and he had to add himself to the waitlist on myHome when he got this message:

"Thank you for submitting your waitlist preferences. The Housing staff will work through requests in timeslot order throughout the summer, and we will reach out at some point. We don't know when. Maybe in July? Hopefully. We can't make any promises. Anyways, HAGS and TTYL!"

"It was so frustrating," said Holm. "How am I expected to get up in the morning for housing selection when I can't even get up for class?"

We spoke with a housing representative, Matt Ress, to

get to the bottom of the issue and to see if housing was doing anything at all to solve this problem.

"We took a look at the problem and decided to undergo an entire infrastructural change by adding these new beds," said Ress. "We're proud of our new accomplishment here in housing. I even tested out all of the new beds myself to ensure they meet our standards."

All of the beds went through a thorough, scientific testing process to see if they were up to these standards. Testing procedures included a comfort test in which Ress slept in each bed for 48 hours straight, a structural integrity test in which Ress and his team attempted to stack all of the mattresses on top of each other like a giant Jenga set, and a size test where Ress crammed all eight beds into the men's bathroom to see if they could fit since there was no room to put them anywhere else. The beds passed all tests with flying colors.

"I actually love sleeping in the bathroom," said Holm. "The soothing sound of the faucet, combined with the aromatic smell of poop on the wall puts me to sleep right away!"

This might be an unconventional sleeping arrangement, sure, but let's not be quick to judge and hope that this solution is here to stay.

## Climbing Wall temporarily closed after student won't admit he is afraid of heights

Nick Maggi  
Contributing Writer

The Flyson, the climbing wall, the all gender bathroom in academic buildings...these are all spots Bucknellians visit on a weekly basis. However, the climbing wall was recently temporarily closed after events that students are calling "bizarre," "once in a lifetime," and "a waste of time." I personally was not at the scene of the incident, but I have a good source (Fizz) that provided the details of the series of events.

It all started with a date between two first-years, Britney (5'9", Pre-Med) and Brian (5'7", no friends). They both climbed the wall as a part of the date. How Brian got the date is unclear, but Britney said his tinder was not accurate.

Once they got to the top of the wall, Britney climbed down, but Brian stayed at the top. Britney asked Brian to come down but he refused,

and when asked why he said, "It's not important." Britney asked if Brian was afraid of heights but he said, "What?!! Nooo," in a manner that was in no way convincing. A worker asked Brian if he wanted him to go up and help him down, but Brian said, "It is illegal for you to do that."

Britney told him that it was okay, and that she knows he is afraid of heights to which Brian made "a game show wrong answer sound" and said, "no one is a bigger heights supporter than me."

Britney and the worker continued trying to convince Brian to come down but he would not budge. At one point the worker tried to climb up and help Brian but he began screaming like a banshee, which scared the worker off. Brittany had enough and called P-Safe.

P-Safe arrived at the scene after quickly ticketing as many

cars as possible in the parking lot. Upon entering the room the two officers laughed and took selfies. The officers decided to tase Brian and let him fall onto an unwashed first-year's mattress. The P-Safe officer aimed his taser but before anything could happen this conversation began...

Brian: Wow. After all this time, you guys don't know what this is about. This was never about a climbing wall but it's about a wall we climb every day. Maybe instead of building these climbing walls we should build climbing bridges or maybe the true climbing wall was the relationships we grabbed to push us to go higher.

P-Safe Officer: Tase him. Brian was tased and fell just short of the mattress. P-Safe apologized by writing him up and giving him a card to review their work.

## Graduating seniors give us their Bucknell bucket list before departing

Aaron Chin  
Satire Co-Editor

The end of the year can be exciting, especially for the graduating seniors. With bright futures, the graduating class no longer has to worry about poor dining options, ever-increasing tuition and ongoing housing problems.

However, many of them still have unfinished items on the Bucknell Bucket list. Here are some of those common items:

1. Steal a smoothie blender from Bostwick

The smoothie bar is one of the most popular destinations at Bostwick. However, most of the seniors won't be able to afford a blender after graduation because of their student debt, which is why 76% of seniors said that stealing a smoothie blender from Bostwick was high on their bucket list.

"My parents only make \$500,000 a year each, plus benefits," said Rich Kidd, "so there's no way they are going to buy me a blender after college."

2. Complete the 24 Hours in Bostwick challenge

Similar to the consensus on stealing a smoothie blender,

many seniors have wondered the same thing: What's Bostwick like when no one is there? This question has inspired students to complete the 24 Hours in Bostwick challenge, which entails finding a creative way to spend 24 hours in Bostwick without being caught. If you get caught, punishments include having to clean tables for a week or having to man the sandwich line for a month.

Few people have successfully completed this, and what they saw is shrouded in mystery. One student named Nye T. Owl apparently saw Bravman raid the sandwich station and make himself what looked like a \$5 footlong from Subway complete with eight pickles, smoked salmon and cat food. Who knows if this was real or not.

3. Show President Bravman Some Love

Our president works hard to make sure that Bucknell runs smoothly every day, so a lot of seniors want to come up with some creative ways to show President Bravman some appreciation. From celebratory

parades to merchandise, the seniors have thought of a lot of ways to honor Bravman before they depart.

A student-led band called "The Bravman Believers" held outdoor concerts right outside of Bravman's home all throughout the night last Friday, only playing songs that supported our tuition rising exponentially. For instance, one lyric was "We love rising tuition, even if that's not our intuition."

A student group also organized a Bravman parade in downtown Lewisburg complete with Bravman floats, balloons and merchandise. The group bought Bravman's likeness for the mere price of three million dollars, with the funds coming from a ten-year-long campaign. When asked whether he supported selling himself out for money and asking his students to pay ridiculous sums of cash, Bravman said, "I am fully on board!"

And there you have it, folks. For the underclassmen, take the words of the graduating class and be sure to add these items to your Bucknell bucket list!

## Frats host "Silent Disco" themed super since they're all cited

Hayley Leopold  
Satire Co-Editor

Anyone within a five mile radius of St. Cat on a Saturday can feel the deafening beats emitted by the frats' speakers. The music, loud enough to vibrate all the sidewalks in Lewisburg, echoes for hours on end and prevents local residents from sleeping in on the weekends. Townies are lenient about the decibel-shattering music. However, after the recent luau-themed Super, townies have had enough.

Longtime Lewisburg native Mow E. shared, "I can deal with the flamingos on my porch. I can even put up with the rascal who shattered my windshield with a coconut. But when I get woken by 'Cruisin' for a Bruisin'" from "Teen Beach Movie," that's where I draw the line."

Mow couldn't handle the tropical flow, so he called the Union County police and filed a noise complaint. Union's officers were not used to responding to calls regarding humans, since most of their cases are from the Amish reporting tipped cows. Excited by this turn of events,

officers quickly rushed to the frats to investigate.

After writing up three students for public urination, the police declared every fraternity and DU officially cited until further notice since they had, "disrupted town peace and violated official noise regulations."

What would the students do without Super? Students need the blaring Spotify playlists to soundtrack their binge-drinking. Blacking out is only considered alcoholism if there is no music playing, after all. To combat this, senior Borg Benson came up with a novel idea: Silent Disco Super!

At a silent disco, songs are played through wireless headphones with multiple radio channels that wearers can switch between. "The cops would only know if the frats were throwing if they could hear the music out loud," Benson said. If music only played through headphones, they'd never know!

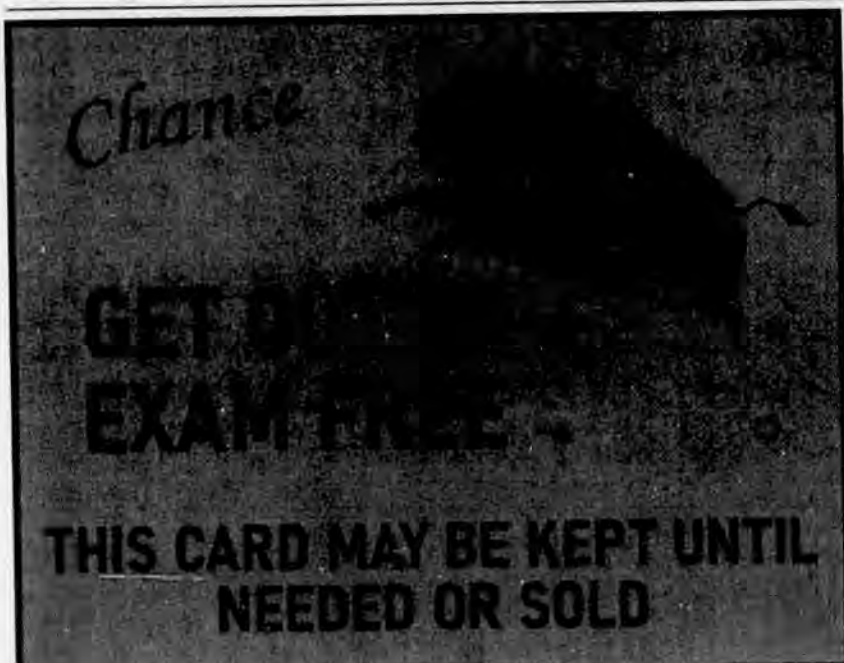
Benson's plan worked seamlessly. Last weekend, sororities pooled together the funds they were saving to build sorority

houses to finance hundreds of pairs of headphones for Silent Disco Super. Bucknellians sang, danced and drank blissfully without a sound escaping the frat backyards.

Another benefit of the headphones is that listeners can choose what station they tune in to rather than only being able to listen to whatever the frat brothers queued. Because of this, the dancing was quite the spectacle. In the same yard, some students were doing the YMCA, others were jamming to the Macarena and another group was bopping to Cotton-Eye Joe. Needless to say, students were slamming into each other left and right.

Despite these dance move complications, students had a blast as they partied at the first-ever silent super. Festivities continued until the final procession to the caf after 7 p.m., yet not a single noise complaint was filed.

It seems like Silent Disco Supers will be the norm until the citations expire, so grab a pair of headphones and get your disco on with us next Saturday!



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# Celebrating Earth Day at Bucknell University

Connor Bennett  
Senior Writer



Sustainability at Bucknell has scheduled two weeks of events to celebrate Earth Week and Earth Day on April 22. Many different clubs on campus were involved in the week including the Bucknell Student Government, Bucknell Outdoor Education and Leadership and the Bucknell Center for Sustainability and the Environment.

All of the events were created by Bucknell students and staff with the aim at engaging Bucknell's campus on the issue of sustainability, taking place April 10 to April 23.

The surrounding Lewisburg area was also involved in the two weeks and demonstrated the importance of sustainability outside of campus. Highlighted in this article are some of the events from the many that were held for these past two weeks.

## Epsilon Eta Sustainability Honor Society

The week was started off by the Epsilon Eta Sustainability Honor Society. This society is a gender inclusive honor society for students interested in careers in environmental sciences and sustainability. They focus on environmental service on Bucknell's campus as well as in the surrounding Lewisburg community.

The group also promotes conservation and environmental issues. The society is open to any major and allows students to be a part of a group that share the same concerns about the environment and sustainability.

## President's Sustainability Council Meeting

The President's Sustainability Council Meeting is, "the University's strategic leadership team for sustainability." This meeting was open to all Bucknell Students. The main responsibility of this council is to oversee the development

and implementation of the University's Sustainability Plan. Part of this plan includes tracking Bucknell's carbon footprint and implementing the necessary steps to reach Bucknell's carbon reduction goals.

Another major responsibility of the council is preparing and submitting Bucknell's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, STARS, report. President John Bravman is the leader of the council but it is made up of many Bucknell administrators, staff, students and professors from multiple disciplines. Students are able to contact the council with any questions or concerns about how Bucknell is engaging with the environment and sustainability through this link.

## Sustainability Symposium

The 10th annual Sustainability Symposium was a two day event that happened between April 14 and 15. The title of the symposium was "Moving from hope to action: Building thriving communities" and it provided "faculty, staff, students, and community stakeholders a forum to share research, teaching, creative works, and collaborations that generates dialogue on the effect of radical hope in influencing action towards creating prosperous communities."

In previous years the symposium discussed the power of "radical hope" when it comes to sustainability and the environment. This year the aim of the symposium was to discuss the specific actions that help conserve both natural and human communities.

The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Curt Gervich of SUNY-Plattsburgh. Dr. Gervich is a professor of Environmental Policy and Planning. Gervich teaches courses in sustainability and environmental law and planning

while also sitting on many environmental protections committees. He has received numerous SUNY awards for his work as a professor.

The aim of his keynote presentation, titled "The Mighty Nature of Small Places," was to provide Bucknell students with a way to critically engage with ideas surrounding sustainability. The symposium also had over 50 presenters which provided a space to learn from each other and to create new networks in the environmental community.

## Bucknell Outdoor Education and Leadership

The two week celebration of the earth will wrap up this Sunday, April 23 with many outdoor activities available for students to participate in. Bucknell OEL has a hike along Dale's Ridge, which is just outside of Lewisburg, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. On this hike, students will see the many different landscapes that Earth has to offer from forests to ponds and open fields. This hike is for anyone who wants to engage in the outdoors and no experience is required.

Bucknell's OEL is also providing a kayaking trip on April 23. The kayaking trip starts at Milton State Park and finishes at Bucknell landing. The trip is a five mile paddle through the Susquehanna River from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The trip meets at Bucknell's OEL basecamp and then will ride to Milton.

There are many events that Bucknell's OEL provides to students. The trips do not only occur during Earth Week and they occur year round with trips across the country and world. The student leaders do a great job of providing a safe and fun learning environment for students who are new to experiencing the outdoors. To sign up for Bucknell Outdoor Education and Leadership trips, students can access this link here.





# THE BUCKNELLIAN sports

**B1** — April 21, 2023

## Women's Lacrosse wins for their seniors

**Clara McCormick**  
Sports Editor

This past Saturday, the Orange and Blue took on league opponent American in their Senior Day matchup. The game took place at 1 p.m. on our very own Graham Field at Holmes Stadium. This game proved to be historic for the Bison. They defeated the Eagles 20-11, and Allie Boyce '25 tied a school record for the most goals in a game.

Boyce scored 10 out of 20 goals, 50 percent of that balls that hit the back of the net for Bucknell. She is only the second player in Bucknell history to reach double digit-goals in one game, tying a Sue Gray record from 1984. Seven of Boyce's goals came in the first half, and she went into the game with the second-highest shooting percentage in the NCAA. Against the Eagles, she was 10 for 10.

The first quarter went back-and-forth between the teams, but the Orange and Blue quickly dominated. The Eagles never came closer than within six goals of tying.

The Bison dominated, outshooting the Eagles 37-25 and putting 27 on goal. Other than Boyce, two crucial players were Caroline Miller '23

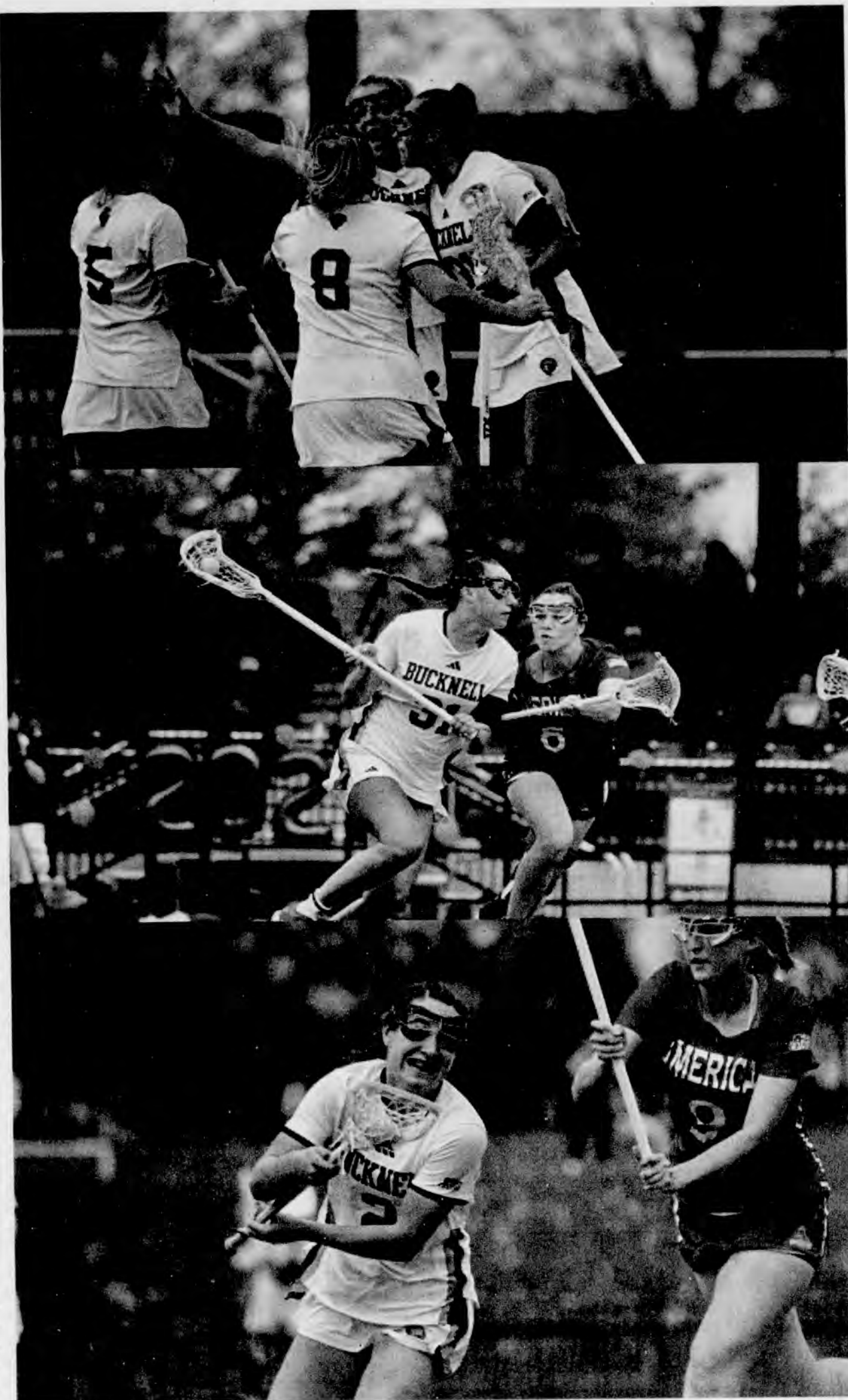
who earned four points with goals and assists, and Tatum Kohlbrener '24, who had a goal, three assists, three ground balls and two turnovers.

Other points came from Megan Krestinski '26, Caroline Sheridan '26, Taylor Kopan '24 and Taylor McClain '25. Senior Symone Ryans had nine saves on the game, and her fellow senior Ella Payer had a season-high 11 draw controls. Only two other players in Bison history have reached 11 draw controls.

These two seniors, as well as seniors Lauren Rader, Caitlin McHale, Jamie Tsao and Miller were celebrated prior to the game for their contributions to the Women's Lacrosse program.

"As seniors we've worked really hard to build our program on and off the field, and it was awesome to see it come together with a big team win against American on our senior day!" Rader said.

Next, the Bison take on Loyola and Boston University in Patriot League matchups. After these two competitions, the Orange and Blue just have one more against Holy Cross until the Patriot League Championships.



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### Upcoming Events

#### Women's Golf

- @ Patriot League Championship, 4/21-4/23

#### Men's Tennis

- @ Patriot League Championship, 4/23 Time TBA

#### Men's Lacrosse

- @ Lafayette, 4/21 7:30 p.m.

#### Men's Golf

- @ Upstate Battle, Hamilton, N.Y. 4/21-4/23

#### Men's Track and Field

- vs Bucknell Team Challenge, 4/22

#### Women's Track and Field

- vs Bucknell Team Challenge, 4/22

#### Softball

- @ Holy Cross, 4/22 12 p.m.

#### Baseball

- @ Lehigh, 4/22 12 p.m.

#### Women's Lacrosse

- @ Boston University, 4/22 4 p.m.

#### Women's Rowing

- Skatedis Cup, 4/22 4 p.m.

## Women's Track and Field competes at home in Bison Outdoor Classic

**Tallulah Fuhs**  
Staff Writer

Bison Women's Track and Field hosted the Bison Outdoor Classic April 14-16.

Starting the weekend, Mia Bellucci '23, with a time of 16:51.14, took fifth place in the 5000-meter run. This earned Bellucci a spot in Bucknell's record books for fifth best for this event.

First-year Lauren Joyce earned fifth in the 10,000-meter run (39:14.61), having a great showing during her rookie season.

Abby Eisold '24, with 4,302 points, grabbed sixth place in the heptathlon.

Closing out the day, Caryn Rippey '26 placed 17th in the 1500-meter run with a time of 4:30.50.

This success was just the beginning of an incredible weekend.

Sophomore Katherine Loew, Senior Jessie Castellano, Junior Meghan Quinn and Senior Bidget Lalonde swept on the second day of the outdoor classic. This foursome crushed the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:41.21. This earned the first-place title by nine seconds, but more importantly, broke the previous Bison school record that they had set earlier this season by a full second and a half.

Another quartet left us speechless on the second day. Lalonde and Quinn were joined by Juniors Lila Gaughan and Karen Hull for the 4x100-meter relay. Pulling out of the race with a time of 46.38, these four earned third place and broke the previous school record by three-tenths of a second.

Additionally, Abby Paczewski '24, Lauren Shaffer '26, Eva Lindner '24 and Rippey placed

eight in the 4x800-meter relay with a time of 9:23.23.

Castellano went on to win the 400-meter dash with a time of 54.91, leaving her competition behind by more than a half second and earning the second-best time in Bucknell history. Lalonde trailed slightly behind in the same event with a time of 55.91.

Quinn clinched second in the 200-meter dash (23.86).

Laura Sakol '24 (5:20.01), Shaffer (5:29.16), Asta Rustad '23 (5:34.17), Tori Chace '26 (5:37.14) and Aidan Smith '26 (5:38.35) all placed in the top ten of the mile run placing between second and eighth.

Hull placed seventh in the 100-Meter Hurdles (14.60) and led the pack in fourth place in the high jump Event (5-6). Olivia Boyce '24 (5-4 1/4) placed sixth and Abby Kates '24 placed eighth (5-4 1/4) in the high jump.

Karly Renn '25 cleared 11-11 3/4 in the pole vault, earning second place.

Brylee Tereska '26 also earned second place (144-9) in the javelin throw, placing her eighth in Bucknell history. Riley Beebe '23 followed behind in fifth place with a toss of 139-7.

For the hammer throw, Madison McGloin '24 placed seventh (159-1) and Annie Glenning '24 placed ninth (157-2).

Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 closed out the weekend by clinching ninth in the shot put with a toss of 44-4 3/4.

This was a great and impressive weekend for the Women's Track and Field team. These Bison will compete next at the Bucknell Team Challenge in the upcoming week.

## Men's Track and Field hosts Bison Outdoor Classic



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**Noor Kaur**  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Men's Track and Field hosted the Bison Outdoor Classic this past weekend.

Samuel Whittaker '23 competed in the 1500 meter race, earning seventh place with a 3:45.48 time and putting him fifth in program history.

Franco Perinotti '23 placed sixth in the pole vault event (15-7), a tenth place height in school history. In the 10,000 meter race, Domenic Campagna '23 earned fourth place with a 31:05.89 time, less than a second behind the first place runner. In the discus event, Braden Stryker '25 earned seventh with a 157-0 feet mark. Miguel Negrete '24 placed 11th in the decathlon (5012 points).

Robert Feeney '23 earned silver in the hammer throw with a 189-8 feet mark, putting him at sixth in Bucknell history. In the 400 meter race, Ethan Wolford-Tuffy '24 ran in 48.15, placing

seventh. Tristan An '25 took sixth (6-6) in the high jump.

Two groups competed in the 4x400 and earned top ten finishes. Sam Coughlin '25, Matthew Perello '24, Perinotti and Brayden Young '26 took eighth place (3:18.44). Zachary Jelinek '26, Colby Belczyk '25, Alex Simpson '24 and Seth Hoffritz '23 finished close behind (3:19.48). Chris Sims '25 competed in the triple jump to earn tenth place with a 45-10 mark.

"Overall, I think the team did pretty well," Jack Calisi '23 said. "It was definitely a long weekend with some ups and downs, but we had some great performances in a very competitive meet. I think everyone is excited to get back out there for another home meet this weekend!"

This upcoming weekend, the team will compete in the Bucknell Team Challenge.



# Softball falls to Boston University

Charlotte Dursee  
Senior Writer

Bison Softball started the weekend with a three game series against Boston University. Savannah Jones '25 started in the circle and only let up two hits and zero runs in the first inning.

The Bison came close to taking the lead in the second inning after a single by Chase Knapp '23, which was then followed by Noelle Gardon '24 walking. Before they could score, Boston managed to get the last out on a sharp grounder hit.

The third inning proved important to the outcome of the game. Right away, Jones managed to obtain the first two outs. Boston pulled off a double, and Haley Speicher '26 dove to save it but came up unsuccessful. Jones then walked the next batter. A single and an error then gave way for Boston to score. Another double pushed their lead to 3-0. Jones walked a batter that loaded the bases but Olivia Marinelli '23 closed out the inning with a pop-up.

Jones was replaced by Mea Consentino '26 in the top of the fifth inning. In the bottom of the fifth, the Bison were finally able to put a run up on the board. Speicher led with a single and managed to get to second on an error. Two grounders managed to bring Speicher home, and the Bison trailed 4-1.

Boston put up their fifth and final run of the game in the top of the seventh inning with a home run. The Bison made their best attempts to get some runs in before the

game ended. Zoie Smith '24 singled in the bottom of the seventh but nothing came from it. Boston won 5-1.

For the second game, Kaiya Burton '23 started in the circle. Boston took the lead right off the bat in the first inning. An error by Gardon resulted in a Boston runner on and a grounder allowed her to get to second safely. Boston then hit a ball that landed in center field and scored the runner.

Offensively, the Bison struggled to get anything going. They managed one hit throughout the first four innings. Madison Roukey '25 entered the circle in the fifth inning. The lead off batter hit a triple off Roukey. An RBI grounder brought the run in. Another triple followed and the runner came home after a fly ball. Boston then had a 3-0 lead. Roukey prevented any other runs the rest of the inning.

In the bottom of the seventh, Kailyn Lorberter '23 singled but the Bison were unable to get any other runners on base the rest of the inning. Boston obtained their second win 3-0.

Jones started in the circle once again in the third game of the series against Boston. Similar to the performance seen the day before, Boston scored first. The Bison were one out away from ending the inning when a single to right field and a triple to right center gave Boston their first run.

At the Bison's end of the inning MaKenzie Hilling '25 walked and Smith singled. Boston was able to end the

inning before the Orange and Blue could score.

Boston added three more runs in the second inning. Hunter Vestal '24 replaced Jones in the circle. Neither team saw much action until the fourth inning when Boston added three more runs to the scoreboard. Burton came into the circle as the score became 6-0. An error by Lorberter allowed for the third run. Burton ended the inning 7-0.

The Bison finally put some runs up on the scoreboard. Smith singled, and Jones sacrificed to advance her to second base. Knapp's RBI to right center field brought Smith home. Knapp was brought home off of a pop-up from Lorberter. A grounder from Gardon ended the inning.

In the sixth inning Boston added two more runs, cushioning their lead. Their first run of the inning came from a walk followed by a triple. A single came soon after. Smith ended the inning with a launch to Burton to prevent a base stealer.

The Bison kept up the momentum in the sixth inning. Hilling singled, and Smith walked. Jones hit a shot to the left center field wall. Her double brought in two runners. Jones advanced to third and a single from Lorberter brought her in. The Bison cut Boston's lead to 9-5. In the bottom of the seventh, Hilling hit a double, hoping to cut the score even more, but the inning ended as Smith struck out.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Allie Boyce '25

## Profile

### Sport

Lacrosse

### Hometown

Falls Church, Va..

### High School

Georgetown

Visitation Prep

### Position

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Allie Boyce '25 put on a historic performance for the Bison in a 20-11 Senior Day Women's Lacrosse victory against American, scoring 10 goals in 10 tries. Boyce's 10 goals tied the school record for goals in a game, previously set by Hall-of-Famer Sue Gray against Northeastern in 1984. This was the second-most goals scored by any Division I player this season, and her total was also one shy of the Patriot League record and just two away from the NCAA mark.

Although her individual performance excited her, Boyce was even more excited to get a victory on senior day.

"This was a must win for us to have a chance to make the Patriot League playoffs, so I was extremely excited we got the victory," Boyce said. "We were very determined and focused going into this game, and I think that really helped us win. We all just wanted to go out there, have a good game and leave everything out there for our seniors."

Boyce's record-tying performance got her not only school-wide and conference-wide recognition, but also national recognition. On top of being named Patriot League Attacker of the Week and Bison of the Week, Boyce was named the Division I Co-Offensive Player of the Week by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association, as well as the Division I Player of the Week by USA Lacrosse Magazine on Tuesday, April 18.

To say that Boyce had a good game would be a drastic understatement, and her recent success is just a continuation of her historic season. Boyce entered the

game ranked No. 2 nationally in shot percentage, and she is now No. 1 in all of Division I lacrosse with an impressive .729 accuracy. Boyce also ranks second in the nation in free-position goals per game (1.46) and 17 in overall goals per game (3.31).

Everything seems to be clicking for Boyce, and she credits her success to the selflessness of her teammates.

"I think it speaks volumes that almost every single goal I had was assisted by a teammate," Boyce said. "My teammates did a great job of finding me when I was open and creating looks for me, so I'm just really lucky to have them. They definitely trust me a lot with the ball, which is something I'm really grateful for. I think our teamwork on offense really showed during this game, and I'm just really happy it resulted in a win... It's definitely crazy to see that I tied the record, and I never expected doing anything like this coming into Bucknell. It's just really exciting, and hopefully we can carry this into our games this weekend."

Boyce and the Bison look to keep the momentum going in a pivotal Patriot League matchup at Boston University on Saturday.

## Career Stats

- Three time  
Patriot League  
Rookie of the Week  
- 34th in the  
nation for points  
scored - 0.537 %

# Men's Lacrosse defeats Crusaders

Madison Rehak  
Staff Writer

This past weekend Bucknell Men's Lacrosse faced up against Holy Cross for another Patriot league game of the season. The Bison entered the game 1-4 in league play, while Holy Cross stood at 0-5.

The Bison led the game in the first half, scoring two goals in the first quarter and six goals in the second, while the Crusaders could only put up four goals in the first half.

The Bison held a 16-3 shot advantage over Holy cross in the half. Even with the late push of the last three goals in the second quarter, it was tough to come back from the Bucknell advantage.

The Bison continued their momentum in the beginning of the third quarter and quickly fired up three shots to increase their lead to 11-5. However, the Crusaders were motivated by this gap and retaliated by scoring five goals

in return, leaving the score at 11-10 at the end of the quarter for Bucknell.

The Orange and Blue were more motivated now then ever and scored five unanswered goals in the beginning of the final quarter.

Holy Cross was able to find two more goals before time ran out, but it was not enough to overcome the Bison as they won with a score of 18-12.

This placed them as a higher seed in the Patriot League standing to enter the Patriot League Tournament.

Overall, the Bison had 63 shots with 42 on goal, a season high for the team. Brendan Coyle '24 also secured 18 out of 31 faceoffs for the team.

Jack Feda '23 scored a career-high six goals in the game that assisted the team with the win.

Dutch Furlong '24 was able to get five points on four assists and one goal for the game.

Will Hopkins '26 was able to secure his third hat trick of his rookie year and provided an assist for the Bison.

Danny Striano '23 was also able to match his season high of seven ground balls, while Coyle collected six.

Jaz Zanelli '26 made 13 saves in the match.

"We had a little bit of a lapse in the third quarter," Feda said. "The season was on the line and the team responded with a roar. It was a huge fourth quarter from Will Hopkins and the rest of the offense. We need to have this mindset this week. Lafayette is a win and we are in the game for the Patriot League Tournament. Looking forward to Friday night under the lights!"

Bucknell Men's Lacrosse will next face Lafayette this Friday at their home turf.

# Baseball falls at home against Army

Lea Tarzy  
Staff Writer

The Bucknell baseball team's home win streak was halted this past Saturday, April 15 on DePew Field, in the first of a three-game series against Army.

Army is currently ranked first in the Patriot League. The second game of the series was initially scheduled for 2:30 on Saturday, but was rescheduled for noon Sunday due to weather concerns.

Saturday's game ended with a 15-0 victory for the Black Knights. The Bison had just one hit: a single in the third inning from Kyle Lyons '23.

Relief pitcher Mikey Myro '26 had his fourth career appearance and retired every one of the five batters he went up against. Myro was substituted in during a high-pressure situation, with the bases loaded and one out, but performed well. He struck out one player and induced a fly ball to end the inning.

The two Patriot League teams squared off against each other once again at noon on Sunday. The Bison came out sharp and ready to battle against the Black Knights and despite losing, found more success offensively than the previous day.

Will Greer '23 started the game at pitcher and did well early on, pitching to the minimum nine batters throughout the three innings. The sole Army base runner was a result of an error, but was quickly

caught trying to steal second base by catcher, Nic Adamo '24. The Black Knights adjusted their batting order strategically and found success in the fourth inning. Army had three doubles and managed to score three runs.

Bucknell attempted to match, but could not manage to capitalize. In the first inning, the Bison had runners on second and third base with just one out. However, the Black Knights managed to get out unscathed with a double play. Similarly, in the third inning, the Bison had the bases loaded with two outs, but again Army escaped again with solid defensive play.

The Bison scored their first run in the sixth inning. Grant Voytovitch '24 was hit by a pitch, but was brought back after it was determined that he did not try to avoid being hit. Immediately after, he hit a triple and returned home two batters later with a hit from Billy Kender '25. Both Adamo and Voytovich contributed two hits for the Bison.

Nevertheless, Army continued adding points to the board, while the Bison only managed to total two throughout the match to end with a final score of 2-8 in favor of the traveling team.

Despite losing the first two games against the Black Knights, the Bison rallied and came out strong for the final

game of the weekend. Bucknell had two more hits than Army (12-10), but ultimately lost as a result of one inning.

Tyler O'Neill '25 started out strong at pitcher, retiring the first seven hitters quickly. Bucknell got on the board early on for the first time in the three-game series when Anthony Sherwin '24 hit the very first pitch of the game, scoring his first home run of the season with a banger over the left-field wall.

The Black Knights matched with a single in the fourth inning to tie up the score 1-1.

There was a huge shift in momentum during the sixth inning when Army surged ahead with an impressive eight runs in five hits to bring the score to 9-1. Jacob Corson '24 and Sean Keys '25 each contributed solo home runs, and Corson scored again in the ninth inning to bring the Bison's total to four against the Black Knights' nine, and Army came out victorious with a final score of 9-4.

"We've played some really good baseball but we've just been off recently," Corson said. "We control our own destiny and are excited about putting this stretch behind us."

Looking ahead to this week, the Bison face off against Navy on Wednesday, April 19 at home on DePew Field.

# Men's Golf's fifth place at RedHawk Intercollegiate

Hugh Straine  
Staff Writer

Bison Men's Golf traveled to Pittsburgh Field Club in Fox Chapel, Pa. to take part in the RedHawk Intercollegiate on April 17-18. The tournament featured three rounds across two days and 13 other squads, including Patriot League foe Loyola and host Miami (Ohio).

Blake Wisdom '23 made his presence known in round one, with one over par. 72. Despite Wisdom catching fire, Bucknell shot 298 as a team, or 14 over par, leaving them T9 on the team leaderboard. Andres Barraza-Camara '26 also had a solid opening round with a 77.

The Bison improved after round two with a 296 team score,

headlined by a solid 72 from Barraza and a 70 from Jackson Bussell '23.

After a tough 75 in round two, Wisdom was red hot from all cylinders in round three, where he would drain four birdies and an eagle en route to a four under par 67. This showing propelled him into a finish for solo third on the individual leaderboard. Another consistent day for Barraza and Bussell, in which they carded a 72 and 73 respectively, leaped the Bison into a fifth place finish for the event, only 12 strokes behind winner Marquette.

They head to Hamilton, N.Y. next to compete in the Upstate Battle at Seven Oaks Golf Club on April 22 and 23.



# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### Commanders owner finally stepping down

Kaylee Donnelly  
Staff Writer

After a handful of controversies and a long 24 years at the club, Daniel Snyder has finally agreed to sell the Washington Commanders. The owner reportedly reached an agreement with a group led by Josh Harris to sell the club for six billion dollars.

For Washington, as well as for the NFL, this is the biggest sale in football history. Rumors began last November that the club was finally considering selling. These came after years of Snyder denying that he would ever sell. At that time, Forbes ranked the Commanders as the six-most valuable franchise in the NFL at around 5.6 billion dollars. At a price of six billion,

this sale would exceed the most valuable franchise, the Dallas Cowboys, and top the record sale of the Denver Broncos for 4.65 billion dollars.

This sale, pending its explicit confirmation, is long overdue. The Washington Commanders has had its fair share of controversies over the years, many led or exacerbated by owner Daniel Snyder.

In his time at Washington, Snyder defended the team's racist name, participated in aggressive media attacks, blocked stakeholders attempting to sell, threatened to release "dirt" on other owners and several other potential

financial corruptions. One of the most recent scandals has demolished what little Snyder had left of his reputation, in which a congressional investigation found him guilty of workplace sexual harassment.

This harassment lost him the confidence of other NFL team owners as well as the respect and confidence of the NFL commissioner, Roger Goodell. The NFL fined the Commanders 10 million dollars in 2021 in the first case of workplace misconduct, which occurred before the congressional investigation and found a "general lack of respect" in the workplace towards women.

Snyder's role in the harassment was clear.

Outside of internal controversies, the football team hasn't performed at its greatest either. In the past 24 seasons under Snyder's ownership, the team made the playoffs only six times, and only went on to win a post-season game twice. They went 166-226-2 in the past 24 years.

The fans have been checking into the failing ownership and tragic performance of the team. In 2022, Washington ranked the lowest in attendance, averaging about 58,000 fans per game. This is a step down from 2021, in which they ranked the second-lowest. Clearly the rebrand

did not do enough to amend the club's failing reputation.

Josh Harris, the rumored new potential owner of the club, is an experienced winner with a lot of money. He currently, partnered with Mitchell Rales and Magic Johnson, owns the NBA Philadelphia 76ers, the Premier League's Crystal Palace and the NHL's New Jersey Devils. If the deal holds, Harris will have his work cut for him improving the teams reputation, football performance and even their old stadium. After decades of impropriety from Snyder, however, many have hopes that the new ownership will finally turn things around for Washington's football team.

## Women's Golf takes on the Navy Spring Invitational

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Following a great performance in the St. John's Invitational this past weekend, Bucknell Women's Golf headed to Annapolis, Md. for the Navy Spring Invitational for one final bout before the Patriot League Championship.

A stellar performance was seen by Paige Richter '26 on day one, who posted her second even-par 72 of the spring season and sat one stroke away from the lead, contributing to a 324 team score for the Bison.

With 18 holes remaining, Bucknell sat at sixth place just prior to a birdie by Richter, who rebounded from a bogey at five with birdies at eight and 10 to get

to 2-under on the day. Bucknell's other counting scores came from Kelsey Yi '24 with an 81 (who aced the 17 hole in Friday's practice round), an 84 from Tara Thomas '25 and an 87 from Kayla Yi '24.

Day two presented some impressive stats from the Bison with a lead score by Richter, seating her in top-10 for the third time this season and her best 36-hole score.

As a team, Bucknell posted a final-round 317—seven strokes better than its first-round score—and finished in sixth place with a 641 total.

Bucknell counted scores from Kayla Yi '24(80), Thomas (81) and Kelsey Yi (82).

"The team that was traveling this past weekend has been working very hard all semester and our freshman Paige Richter killed it at Navy," Sahana Paravantavida '23 said. "I won't be going to Patriot Leagues, but the girls leave Wednesday and are definitely gonna go low this weekend. The team this year is very capable of placing well this year."

Keep your horns out for the Bison as they seek their second league title at the 10th Patriot League Championship taking place on April 21-23 at Independence Golf Club in Midlothian, Va.

## Men's Tennis goes 1-1

Lauren Medeiros  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Men's Tennis traveled to Bethlehem, Pa. to play Lehigh and Worcester, Ma. to battle Holy Cross over the weekend.

The Bison were defeated by Lehigh 4-3. For doubles, Lehigh ended up clinching the overall point with wins at No. 1 doubles 6-4 and No. 3 6-3.

The Bison gave it their all this match, and ended up winning three out of the six singles matches. Amar Tahirovic '26, beat his opponent at No. 1 singles in a three set game with scores of 6-4, 3-6 and 6-4. At the No. 5 spot, Tim Zeikovsky '24 was a straight set winner scoring 6-4 and 6-3. Finally, at No. 6, Oscar Bain Moreno de Vega '26 closed out the match with a 7-6, 7-5 win.

Bucknell then faced off against Holy Cross to wrap up their regular season play. Fortunately, for the Bison, they pulled off a 4-1 victory.

Bucknell locked up the doubles point with wins at the No. 1 and No. 3 spots. The tandem of Nick Mueller '23 and Michael Owen '23 won 6-3 at the No. 1 spot, while the duo of Brendan McDonald '26 and Zelikovsky defeated their opponents 6-2 at No. 3.

At No. 2 doubles, the pair Bain and Tahirovic were leading 5-4, but were unable to finish after Bucknell had already clinched the doubles point.

Bucknell then went on to claim victories with singles wins from three first years.

At No. 1, Tahirovic dominated 6-0, 6-1, while at No. 5, Bain defeated his opponent 6-4, 6-4. Finally, at No. 4, McDonald won 2-1 when his opponent had to retire in the first set.

The only win for Holy Cross came from No. 2 singles against Mueller. Additionally, the No. 3 and No. 6 singles did not have to finish after Bucknell had already won the overall match.

Bucknell closed out the regular season with an overall 14-7 record, which is the team's most wins since 2016. Regarding the Patriot League, the Bison finished tied in fourth place with Lehigh with a 4-3 conference record.

## Women's Tennis goes 1-1 in New York

Lauren Medeiros  
Staff Writer

The Bucknell Women's Tennis team traveled to West Point, N.Y. and Hamilton, N.Y. over the weekend to play against Army and Colgate.

In their first match, the Bison fell to Army 4-0.

Army ended up clinching the doubles point with a 6-3 win at No. 2 and a 6-2 victory at No. 3. Although the Bison lost the overall doubles point, the duo of Whitney King '25 and Abby Platt '26 secured a 6-4 win at the No. 1 spot.

After the doubles matches, Army picked up three consecutive victories at No. 3, No. 4

and No. 5 singles. These games ensured the win for Army. In the three unfinished singles matches, Bucknell had taken the first set in each game.

Bucknell then went on to defeat Colgate 5-2 in their final road match of the regular season.

The Bison came out firing and swept the doubles point for the match. At No. 1, King and Platt won 6-3, at No. 2, Tyne Miller '24 and Anna Lajos '25 were victorious 6-1 and the No. 3 duo of Caroline Marcus '25 and Madi Sebulsky '24 also defeated their opponents 6-1.

King and Platt are now 13-4 in doubles play together and 5-0 within Patriot League opponents.

Additionally, the Bison took in four singles victories.

King and Lajos both pulled out three-set victories, and Marcus secured a 6-2, 6-2 win at No. 6 singles.

Platt's win of 6-2, 4-6 and 6-1 at No. 4 singles sealed the match for the Bison.

Bucknell has won two out of their last three Patriot League matches. On Sunday, April 23, the Bison will host their last regular season match against Lafayette.

## Rowing in Massachusetts

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Bucknell Women's Rowing traveled to Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass. this past Saturday to compete in a four-team competition. This location is where the Patriot League Championship will be held later this spring.

They competed against Rhode Island, Holy Cross and Sacred Heart. The Bison also competed against Rhode Island in multiple races the previous weekend at Saint Joseph's.

An early morning for the Bison started at 8:30 a.m., where their Varsity Eight competed with Second Varsity Eight and Varsity Four following. These three boats performed well, beating both Holy Cross and Sacred Heart, falling just short to Rhode Island. That's three runner-up finishes on the weekend for the Bison.

Not only did their three championship boats come runner-up, but two of their other boats, the Third Varsity Eight and the Second Varsity Four, placed first in their races.

The Varsity Eight finished only six seconds behind Rhode Island in their race but 14

seconds in front of third place; a strong second place finish. The reprise was even better than the first, being only 1.4 seconds behind Rhode Island.

The Second Varsity Eight had a similar finish, being eight seconds behind Rhode Island but 15 seconds ahead of Holy Cross. Their second race was extremely similar to their first.

The Third Varsity Eight went head-to-head versus Rhode Island and was able to pull out a win with seven seconds over Rhode Island.

Similarly for the Second Varsity Four, they were able to beat Rhode Island by 11 seconds.

The Bison will be traveling back to Lake Quinsigamond May 12 for the Patriot League Championship. Before that, they'll be hosting a pair of competitions on the Susquehanna. The first will be against Lehigh on April 22, and exactly one week from that they'll host both Villanova and Delaware on April 29. This will be a three-team competition before a near two-week rest period prior to the trip back to Worcester for the championships.

## Women's Water Polo's ends regular season on 0-3 weekend

Brooke Tracey  
Staff Writer

Bison Women's Water Polo wrapped up their 2023 regular season in Ann Arbor, Mich. this past weekend. They faced three ranked CWSA opponents, starting off with Harvard and Princeton on Saturday, April 15 and Brown on Sunday, April 16. The Orange and Blue fought until the end, but closed out the weekend with a 0-3 record.

The Bison opened up against No. 14 Harvard, who immediately proved to be an offensive threat. Isabelle Monaghan '24 was able to tie the game 1-1 in the opening minutes, but by the end of the first quarter, the Crimson had solidified a 8-2 lead. Bella Schraa '26 and Boati Motau '25 scored a goal apiece to slow Harvard's scoring onslaught. By the half, the Crimson had a 12-3 edge on the Bison. Both teams recorded six goals in the second half, but this was not enough to lift the Orange and Blue to victory. The match ended 18-9 in favor of Harvard.

The Bison returned to the pool later the same day to face No. 7 Princeton. Monaghan was the first to score, gaining the Bison an early 1-0 lead. Schraa also found the back of the net in the first half, but that would be all from the Bison offense, as the Tigers led 9-2 at halftime.

The third quarter was low-scoring, with Gwen Kallmeyer '26 scoring one goal for the Orange and Blue to Princeton's two. In the fourth quarter, Sidney Finkler '25 tallied two goals and Monaghan tallied one more, but the Tiger attack recorded six goals of their own to claim the 17-6 victory.

The Orange and Blue ended the weekend against Brown. After conceding two early goals, the Bison recorded four of their own with one goal from Schraa and three from Monaghan. The Orange and Blue enjoyed the lead in the first quarter, but were quickly met by Brown's attack which scored five goals in the second quarter to the Bison's two, giving them a narrow 7-6 lead at the half. The Orange and Blue continued to fight, only trailing 10-8 entering the final quarter. Monaghan and Schraa were able to tally one more goal each, but this was not enough to overcome the Bears' attack. The match ended 14-10 in favor of Brown.

With the regular season officially over, the Bison now focus on the postseason. Beginning April 28, the Orange and Blue will participate in the CWSA Championship in Princeton, N.J. More information is to follow.



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## Letter to the Editor: Sexual violence on campus

**Content Warning: This article discusses themes of gender-based and sexual violence.**

Dear Editor,

We are working on a Feminist Political Action Project in our POLS 290 class taught by Professor Bermingham. Our objective of this project is to spread awareness regarding sexual violence on campus, and we are interested in writing about it in the Bucknellian in order to work on spreading awareness regarding the pressing issue regarding sexual violence and feminism.

Colleges and universities which partake in Greek Life are arguably conducive towards rape culture. Studies show that men in fraternities are three times more likely to commit or attempt rape (Valenti, 2014). This is crucial towards our community as about 49% of eligible students participate in Greek life.

Bucknell Sexual Experiences Survey data shows that about one in three women (31.7 percent in 2010) have experienced attempted or completed rape, compared to the National Sexual Experience survey average of 20 to 25 percent. This is arguably due to the high percentage of those who participate in Greek life. Along with this, a survey conducted by Professor William Flack in 2017 showed that, of the men who responded, 9% of them had experienced sexual assault at Bucknell. Unfortunately, limited data has been released in regards to sexual assault on Bucknell's campus in recent years.

There are some notable efforts being made by groups on campus. Speak UP Bucknell is a peer educator group that is responsible for combatting interpersonal violence and raising

awareness on campus. Speak UP peers are

extensively trained and offer awareness events, workshops, and ally training. In 2014, Speak UP piloted a fraternity ally program; however, in-depth training programs like this are entirely voluntary. We believe that ally training should be mandated for all Greek life members in order to provide students with a deeper understanding of interpersonal violence, tools for bystander intervention, and survivor support.

There are a myriad of resources available to students. For immediate support, victim-survivors may call Transitions at 1-800-850-7948 at any time, the Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Advocacy Coordinator, Kristen Gibson, at 570-577-1542, or the Counseling and Student Development Center at 570-577-1604. Students may also wish to speak to the Title IX Coordinator, Samantha Hart, at 570-577-1554 in order to request supportive measures. Our goal in this project is to make these resources more accessible and known to students across campus.

Sexual assault on university campus is a feminist issue, as it entails the domination of one individual over another, typically men doing so over women. Feminist researchers have commented on this by saying, "in a feminist analysis, sexual assault is understood to be intrinsic to a system of male supremacy" (Herman, 1990, p. 177) and that rape is "no longer viewed as an outcome of an individual deviant, but a product of a larger rape culture that

condoned and excused male violence" (Canan & Levand, 2019). Others see rape as criminal behavior that is "affected by learned gender assumptions like the endorsement of adversarial sexual scripts—where sex is viewed as a conquest by men whose job it is to get sex from women—instead of being affected by an inherent, unchangeable biological trait of men or women" (Canan & Levand, 2019).

Feminism is a tool for exposing the ways in which the patriarchy works against all people. It is necessary for understanding how to dismantle gender roles and idealized notions surrounding femininity and masculinity. In order to fight against sexual assault, we first must understand why people become perpetrators to begin with and that comes with unpacking the association between violent tendencies and hegemonic masculinity. The reason why sexual assault is not discussed openly or seen as a priority issue is because it is associated with femininity and therefore kept in the private sphere. By way of this feminist action project, we wish to bring more light to this ever pressing issue, that universities across the country are notorious for dealing with improperly, in hopes of sparking conversation to better understand where it comes from and thus how to stop it.

Sincerely,

Hannah Egan, Hallie Hymovitch, Gaby Watkim and Hayden Groves

## Take the reigns of your summer break:

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As the end of the spring semester approaches, it is time again to consider what our plans for the summer are. Many Bucknellians are committed to internships and other summer jobs while others are excited to simply be at home and do nothing. Vy Dao '24 will be interning at Northrop Grumman where they have been hired as a Systems Engineer Intern. Of course, there are a slew of other things that can be done in those three months between academic years: Brie Chavez '25 will be embarking on a trip to Japan to do research with Professor Reggie Gazes and other researchers from the Bucknell Primate Lab. These worthwhile endeavors are great options for a productive summer, but what about those who wish to do anything but be productive? For that, I offer this list of possible summer plans that almost totally avoid physical and mental labor:

1. Take up a new hobby. This could be something as simple as reading or gardening but could also include learning a new instrument or engaging in one of the many varieties

of stitching such as crocheting, knitting, or sewing. Really it could be anything that will stimulate your mind and body until the inevitable stress of the semester takes over. Who knows, it could end up being the thing that keeps your mental health in check come fall.

2. Discover a new place. You could visit a new city or state, or you could take a solo journey to a whole new country. This one is my own biggest recommendation, but don't just take my word for it. Hannah Jensen '24 backpacked around Peru in 2019 and remembered that "some of the most beautiful experiences [she] had came from asking the most simple questions of other backpackers and locals." She recommends taking the chance if it is ever a possibility because there is a "vastness of opportunity" out there. The world is a big place, and it is worth being explored.

3. Make a bucket list. Make it a point to do something that you have always wanted to do in life, big or small. Go skydiving, scuba diving or even just try new food. You could also add in

some things for comfort like going to the beach or spending time with family. Summer break is the time to do all the things you love to do and more: seize every moment you have!

4. Develop a new good habit. This could be something like taking on a nighttime routine, drinking more water, or going to the gym, something simple that you think would make you and your life a little better.

5. Read and write more. Find that genre of literature that just gets your gears turning and roll with it. Think of any concept ever and write absolutely anything that comes to mind until your hand hurts and there are no more thoughts left in your brain. These are both great ways to keep your mind sharp during the longest break of the year.

This list is far from comprehensive and complete. There is so much that can be done in such a short period of time, you just have to find whatever strikes your fancy and lean into it. It certainly does not hurt to have a plan, though.



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According to a report released by the American Library Association (ALA) earlier this year, 2022 saw a record number of attempted book bans in public libraries: a whopping 1,269 challenges in comparison to the 729 from the previous year. The practice of censoring certain types of literature in schools and public libraries has been happening for over two decades.

However, never has this practice been so widespread and problematic as it has in the past several years. When the ALA began compiling data on attempted book bans, the average attempt was pointed at singular books. But, recent years have brought on a new surge of censorship organizations that are compiling lists of books they wish to be banned for one reason or another.

The ALA report highlights that most of the books on these lists are written by or about LGBTQ+ people and/or people of color. 2013 data from researchers at Fort Lewis College revealed some of the most common reasons for the censorship of such titles: not suitable for the intended age group, sexually explicit and/or offensive language. The data also showed that, at the time, a majority of book challenges were initiated by parents and were directed at mostly schools and public libraries.

The ALA echoed these statistics in a Banned Book FAQ released in 2016, and based on a top ten list of the most banned books in America published by PEN America in late 2022, the heightened banning of books by or about queer people and people of color still hold true. A few of the books on PEN America's list include Gender Queer: A Memoir by Maia Kobabe, The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas, Me and Earl and the Dying Girl

by Jesse Andrews, and The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini. All of these are critically acclaimed novels with complex and nuanced messages that highlight some of the biggest struggles faced by humanity: life, love and death. In World War II Europe, Hitler's regime engaged in similar practices of censorship; the only real difference is that they actually burned books. In today's world, we have yet to stoop to that level, but one could argue that we are coming dangerously close.

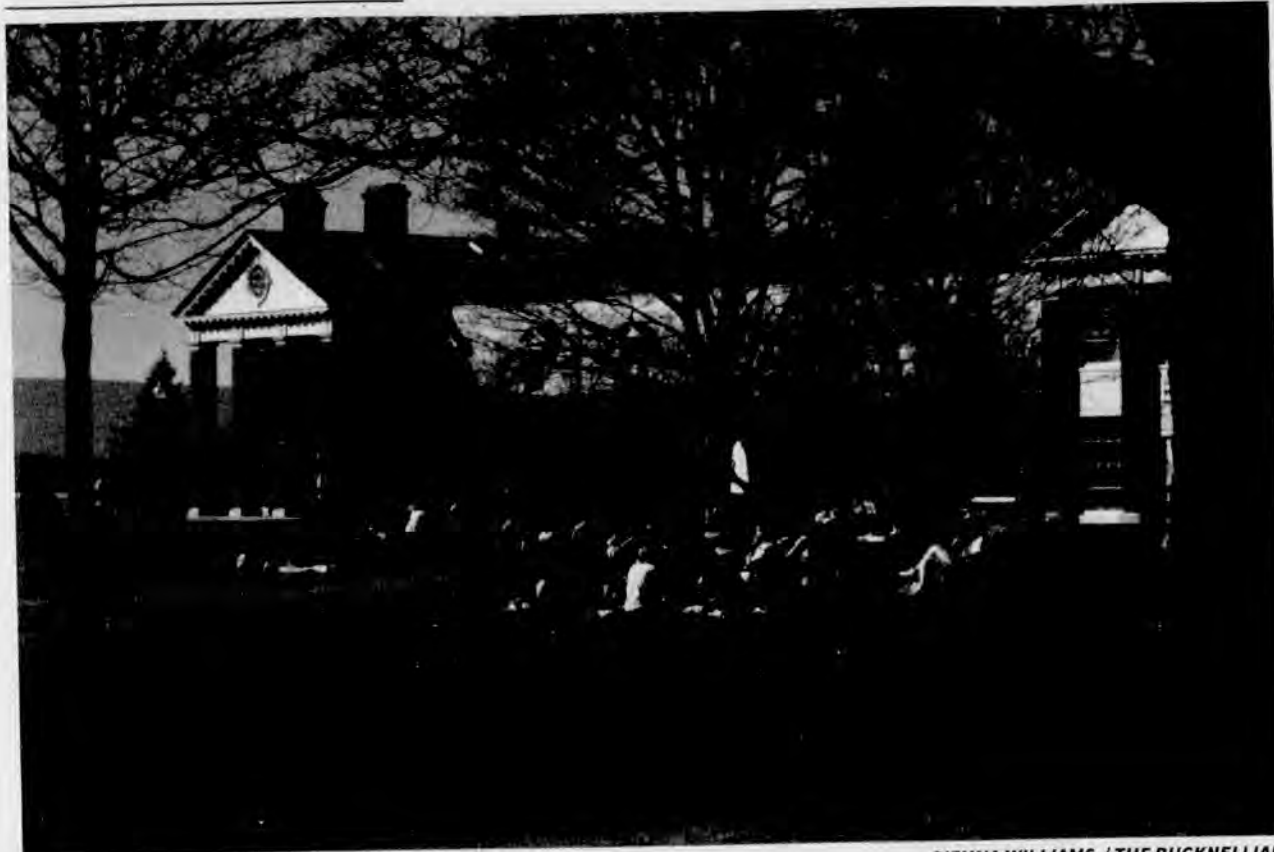
Since the evolution of the human race, the creation of literature has been one of the major cornerstones of thriving civilizations. Taking away the ability to consume this art form is nothing short of an abuse of basic human rights. Students all over the world, many of whom may not ever have the opportunity to experience anything other than what they have always known, need and deserve to read books that teach them about the diversity of the world. As Maoria Kirker, leader of the Teaching and Learning Team at George Mason University Libraries, illustrates, "diverse characters and points of view bring the world to life. Beyond building empathy for others, diverse perspectives... help children think through history, ideas, and concepts from different angles." Not only does this build critical thinking skills, it also encourages the reflection of one's own actions and identity, and could very well decrease the chance of internal biases becoming instances of discrimination in the future. And even if banning a certain book may benefit one child in some way, it takes away an integral learning experience from every other child whom that ban affects.

## Banning books, a step in the wrong direction



# Let's hear it for the quad:

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Last week, we saw beautiful weather in Lewisburg. Everyone was outside, on their porch, in front of academic buildings and dorms, the rail trail, the farmer's market and most notably, the quad.

As a Bucknell student, you can't miss the quad. It is right in the center of core academic buildings and the Bertrand Library. It's also on the way to the apartments, chapter houses and a few first-year dorms. Most of us walk through the quad at least once a day and are taken aback by its beauty. Perfectly cut grass and blooming cherry blossoms. Clean cut, brick walkways going in every direction. Inviting blue and orange Adirondack chairs. The view of Rooke Chapel in front of a jaw-dropping mountain range. What's not to love?

Really nothing, and during the spring, our appreciation for it seems as strong as ever. In the fall, we are just coming back to school. It's still scorching hot and we are ready for cooler days. Getting back into our routines, the quad does

not seem to offer the Bucknell student much more than a path to and from class. Winter is a different beast. Bucknell's colder months leave the quad barren, like a ghost town. Many even seek out rides to class, so even the foot traffic is minimal. With a hat on that I push down to shield as much of my face as possible from the wind, sometimes I won't even be able to see the quad during these months.

Slowly, students and the weather start to defrost. We cling on to any warm day we get, which we saw during those 70 degree days in February and 80 degree days last week. Everyone storms the most sunny locations and many find themselves on the quad, soaking in the Vitamin-D they were deprived of all winter.

Day into night, our presence on the quad doesn't falter. During the day, friend groups make a circle with chairs and others lay out on the grass. At sunset, they return with blankets and dinner and stories from the day. Quad sits to quad dinners; the

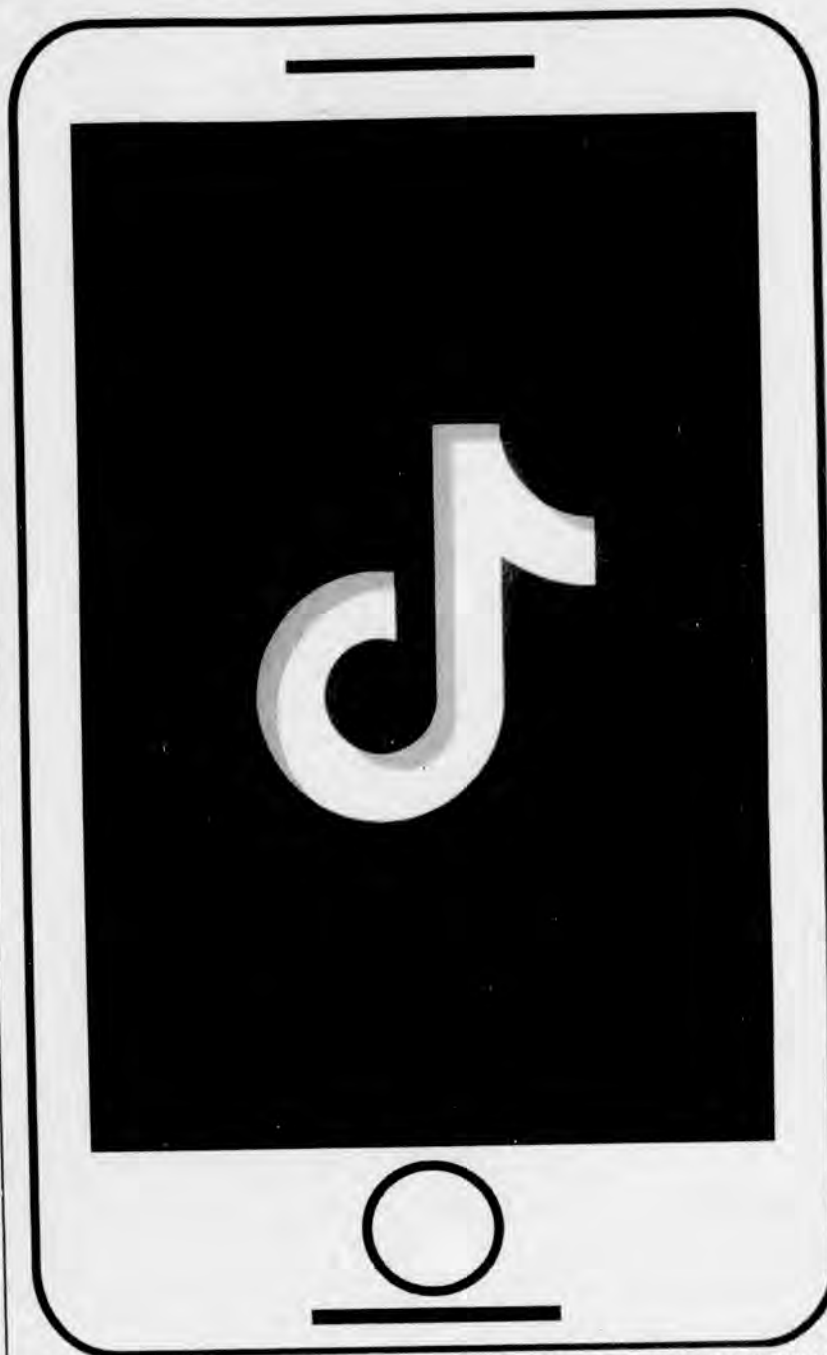
energy never fails to lift spirits and make days better.

What is so special about the quad is that it is one of the only spots on campus where students can meet up and hangout outside of class. Of course, the different food options have seating areas, but the quad provides a much more open and unhurried environment. Also, the quad allows students to socialize in a different kind of way. At dining venues, you usually walk over with your friends. But at the quad, it's usually a stop on your way to somewhere else. You may sit down with a group of people that you would not necessarily hangout with otherwise. And who knows where a conversation with a friend outside your close group could lead you.

As a senior about to graduate, the stress levels are through the roof and finding time to be outside and enjoy my last month at Bucknell is so crucial. With everything about the future being so uncertain, focusing on the present is all we can do.

## Where TikTok goes, music follows:

Caroline Hendrix  
Opinions Editor



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The future of TikTok for U.S. users continues to hang in the balance as concerns over user privacy and data heighten. The app has made an impact on a variety of industries and how people or businesses are able to engage with a broad user base. Considering that TikTok began as Musical.ly, it makes sense that the platform has drastically influenced the way in which artists and users engage with music, on and off the app.

TikTok gives users a front-row seat at concerts and festivals. Users post entire songs or pivotal moments in performances. This provides users who might not be able to financially or physically attend shows of their favorite performers the ability to catch some of the action. They are able to watch the show by putting hundreds or thousands of videos together by multiple users into one cohesive performance that they have access to from their own living room.

But posting shows online on a seemingly free platform is not all well and good. The most obvious setback is for artists whose entire setlists are posted and shared as they happen. Many of the major artists we see on TikTok are on tour, meaning that their shows have a certain level of repetition from one city to another. And this is reasonable, considering how long it takes artists to prepare albums themselves, in addition to the choreography and staging that is necessary to transform their music into a performance.

Medium, an online platform, outlines all the major components of a tour that viewers don't necessarily think of. Major tours have massive amounts of equipment that need to travel from one location to the next and Medium explains that artists hire cargo companies for transport, who typically need 3-6 months to send the artist's cargo. Therefore, decision-making about lighting and activations needs to be settled much in advance. Equipment needs to be transported, and the entire staff working on a tour and the artist themselves can be over 100 people.

Posting it online immediately takes the magic out of the performance and devalues all of that hard work. Before, concertgoers at a New York show would have little to no clue what a show looked like during a Philadelphia show the week prior. Now, there's a possibility they've strung

together TikTok videos to watch the whole thing. Then, they go to the show, where it's less exciting and fresh than it could have been. This may put pressure on musicians, who might feel like they owe their viewers something new and fresh, that they would not have seen online from past events. The act of posting concerts on TikTok takes the agency over the performance out of the musician's hands and into concert-goers, but this is a hindrance for concert-goers as well.

Even the act of posting videos is problematized. Nylon talks to professional artist Maia, who goes by Mxmtion, and finds that the connection between artists and audiences has been intercepted by phones. Maia explains that concert-goers are not simply tasked with watching the show anymore. Now they have a responsibility to create content, putting their attention towards their phone and away from the show itself.

Concerts aside, TikTok has transformed the way emerging artists get their voice heard. New and emerging artists have access to a large audience with the opportunity to grow a fanbase before even releasing music. NPR explains that TikTok allows users to respond to music directly through stitching and sharing their opinion or singing along. Fans are able to engage with artists using short-form video, which is much more personalized than written Twitter and Instagram posts.

TikTok has even changed the actual music that is being produced. According to Forbes, songwriters are incentivized to start their songs with hooks that grab the listener's attention at the beginning of the song, as opposed to the more traditional structure of a song that puts a first verse before a chorus. TikTok's impact on the music industry is important to remember if the app gets banned. We have an opportunity to take the beneficial aspects of posting videos online, including direct engagement and a platform for emerging artists, and incorporate them into whatever app goes in its place. But, we should also consider what facets of TikTok need to stay in the past, particularly the pressure that it puts on users and artists to push out organic and viral content, when they should be focusing on the music.



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# Bucknell Dance Company Spring Concert: "Pointe-ing" to Perfection

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Coming to Bucknell University's Weis Center for Performing Arts on April 28 is the annual Bucknell Dance Company Spring Concert. With seven dances choreographed by faculty, guest artists, and even students, preparation for the event began months ago at the beginning of the spring semester.

This year's production of the annual Spring Concert is dedicated to Iris A. Rifkin-Gainer who passed away on April 3. A friend to many in the Bucknell and Lewisburg community, she was also a colleague, author, teacher and dance therapist. For 12 years at Bucknell she worked as the Outreach Arts Coordinator for the Weis Center and also performed occasionally in the university's dance and theater productions.

Dances this year range from solo performances from BDC members to group dances of up to 15 dancers. Guest artist choreography comes from Kurt A. Douglass, Genevieve Hartnett, Jessica Lin, Jose Limon and Mabelle Liu. Faculty choreographing this spring are Professors Dustyn Martincich, Kelly Knox, and Er-Dong Hu. Student choreographers include Hailey Jacobs '24 and Shaun Parrish '23.

For the first time in a BDC dance concert, a group dance choreographed and taught by Professor Hu will be performed fully on pointe. "Good Pointe" will open the show and feature 10 company dancers, performing to music from both Tchaikovsky and Mozart. Lighting design for the dance was done by Jack Filpi and costume design by Carly Holzwarth. Dancer in this piece Emily Cook '25 shared her thoughts with the Bucknellian.

"Pointe is not typically offered within the dance department, let alone performed on stage, due to the risk of injury as well as the lack of dancers trained in pointework," Cook said. "This year, we had a large group of dancers classically trained in ballet as well as on pointe, so it was really exciting to be cast in this piece! I didn't think I would have the opportunity to perform pointe again, so I am very excited to go

back to my roots and perform a style so close to my heart!"

The second piece being performed is from student choreographer Jacobs. Titled "how rare and beautiful it truly is that we exist," the dance is dedicated to the lives lost during the 2018 Stoneman Douglas High School shooting. The six minute 12 second duration of dance represents the length of the shooting. While it is danced in memory of all the victims, the piece is also specifically dedicated to Jamie Guttenberg, a dancer who was fourteen when she was killed.

The "how rare and beautiful it truly is that we exist" dance features nine members of BDC with costume design by Emma Burns '24 and lighting design by Gabe Gross '23. Music for the piece is from Hendyamps Studios, Sarah Ozelle, and Max Richter.

Following a solo by Jessica Lin will be the second student choreographed dance by Shaun Parrish. With nine BDC members performing in the dance titled "Idle Labyrinth," music from the dance features Swedish House Mafia, SZA and Hans Zimmer. Parrish shared his inspiration and intent for the piece.

"I am most excited to show my peers and mentors an insight into my personal odyssey," Parrish said. "Idle Labyrinth represents my journey discovering, reconciling with and flourishing in my queer identity throughout my youth and collegiate life."

Parrish continued on to speak on the dance forms that were included throughout his piece.

"Voguing and whacking are two historically queer dance styles seen in this piece. Vogue as a dance form was created in Harlem during the 1970s and 80s within traditionally Black and Latino spaces. New York drag competitions titled 'balls' in these spaces transformed pageantry to vogue. Whacking originated during the 1970s in the gay disco clubs of Los Angeles where queer Black, Latino and Asian men pioneered

the dance form in a journey of expression where society at large wouldn't let them."

With concluding statements regarding the dance Parrish said, "Queer, drag, and trans communities are under attack from U.S. lawmakers and society at large. Our rights, livelihoods, and passions are being threatened by powerful entities. In the department of theater and dance, I have found compassionate professors and a beautiful community of peers that support myself and my identity. I hope to pay homage to the beautiful history of queer dance forms and bring the community that helped me discover who I am to the audience."

Following this piece will be another faculty choreographed piece by Professor Kelly Knox "LOVE recalled." With twelve BDC dancers, music throughout the piece has been pulled from various artists. Some include Amiina, Lyden David Hall, Bruno Coulais, Michel Buble, Nirvana, Hozier and more. Costume design was done by Carly Holzwarth and lighting design by Hath Hansum.

Kurt Douglas staged the sixth dance of the show "Psalm" with original choreography from the Jose Limon Dance company. The piece was originally performed at the Connecticut College American Dance Festival and was danced by thirteen BDC members.

Cook, who was a dancer in this piece, commented on her excitement for the dance.

"It was such an honor to be taught by Kurt Douglas, who is a former Limon Company Dancer and teaches at the Boston Conservatory at Berklee," Cook said. "I was in awe of his way of movement, and it was truly inspiring to be able to work with him and continue my dance education under someone who has such incredible experiences within the dance world. Psalm is definitely one of my favorite pieces I have performed during my time at Bucknell so far; it is such a powerful piece and it is an honor to carry on Limon's legacy."







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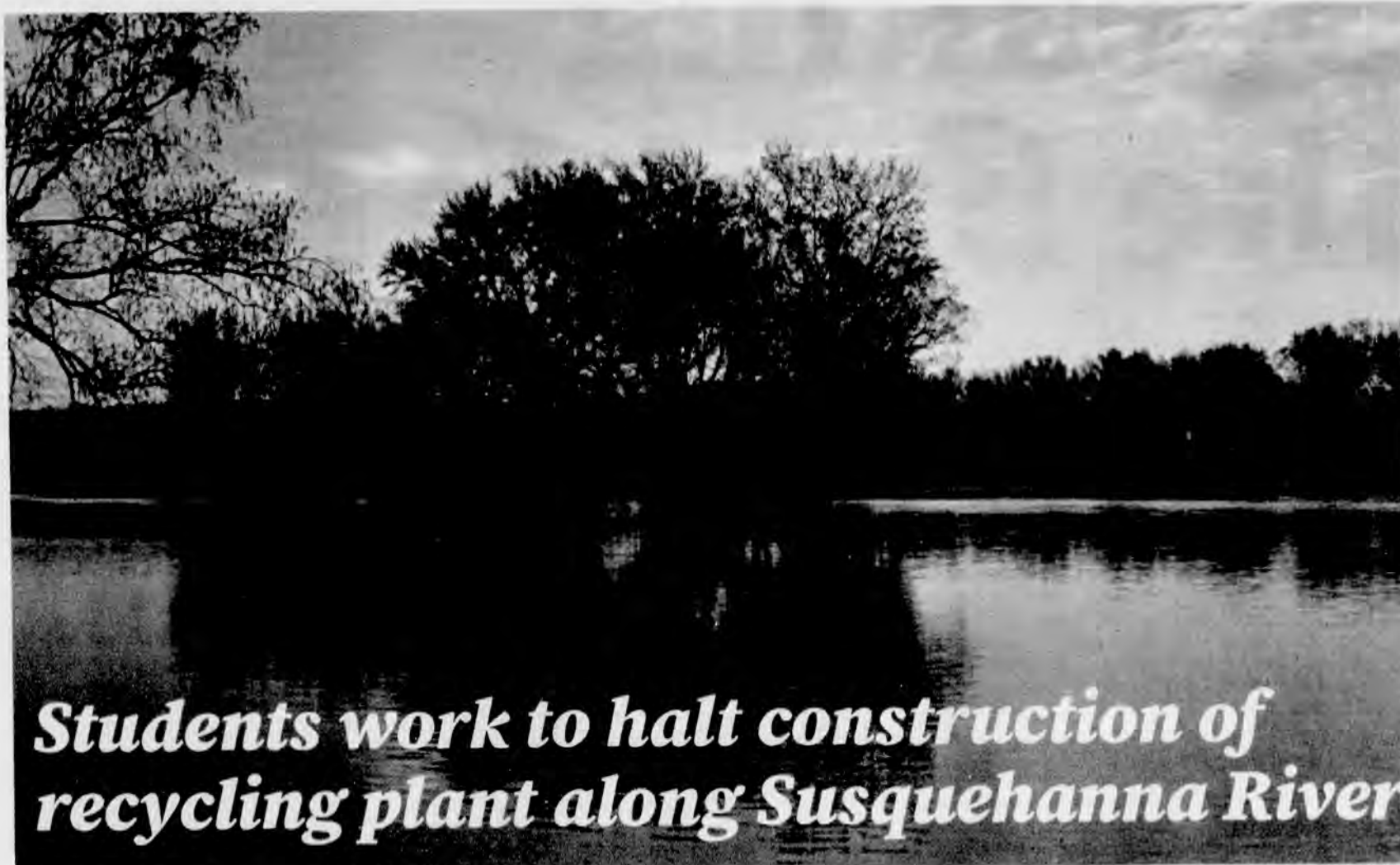
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## Students work to halt construction of recycling plant along Susquehanna River

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Students may have seen lawn signs around Lewisburg that read "Stop Encina" this past week.

Encina is a company focused on constructing recycling plastics, as stated on their website, in order to "catalyze the transition to a sustainable, circular economy," and create "a future in which nothing is wasted."

This sounds like it should be positive, but a group of Bucknell environmental students argue otherwise.

Encina intends to invest \$1.1 billion into a facility located in Point Township, putting it within a 15 minute drive from Bucknell's campus. It will be located near the Susquehanna River, which is one of the main concerns about the plant.

Jack Quinn '23, Hannah Holmes '23, Delaney Oak '23 and Phoebe Blumberg '23 spoke to The Bucknellian about the work they've done as a student group to work against Encina's plan. The students are a part of a larger activist group called "Save Our Susquehanna" that's working to halt Encina's plans.

Encina recently met with the engineering department in order to discuss their plans because of the facility's proximity to campus. Oak said she assumed this was to get Bucknell on the side of the company's plan to counteract pushback from the public.

"They didn't want students attending... they didn't kick us out, but we did show up completely unwelcome," Oak said. "I think that they really thought that the professors

were going to be on their side, but [Encina wasn't] very prepared from an engineering or science standpoint."

"It seemed very much like the professors all took the side against it," Holmes said. "I don't think a single professor voiced anything in favor."

Some of the concerns surrounding the plant are common for recycling plants, such as the use of chemicals that can drastically affect water sources.

"One thing we're especially worried about is an incident similar to what happened in East Palestine, Ohio, happening along the Susquehanna river," Blumberg said. "[Encina's] plan is to carry toxic chemicals along the railway along the Susquehanna River, and if there were to be a spill or a derailment, that would all go

directly into the Susquehanna... Bucknell isn't safe from that."

"They hope to begin construction at the end of 2023 and into 2024," Blumberg continued. "They hope to begin the first stage of their actual operations by 2025 to bring in 450 tons of plastic waste a year... and in 2026 they want to be in the second half of their operation, which is to heat that plastic and turn it into chemical feedstock and ship it out to manufacturers."

Quinn told The Bucknellian about how the group had been speaking to residents this semester, and many have expressed concerns that the area could become another Cancer Alley, a stretch of the Mississippi River that has become permanently damaged by chemical spills into the water.

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Content Warning: The articles below the fold (which carry over to A2 and A4) contain themes of gender-based and sexual violence.

## About 27% of women on campus experience attempted or completed rape, a complicated stat

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This year's Campus Sexual Assault Research Team found that about one in three to one in four women at Bucknell have experienced rape or attempted rape on campus.

The prevalence rate among women was 27 percent this fall, and 12 percent among men. Separating those categories, almost 23 percent of women experienced attempted rape compared to almost 11 percent of men, and almost 18 percent of women reported an experience of rape compared to nine percent of men.

In addition to this, the campus sexual assault research team gathered information about the prevalence of other experiences of particular acts of sexual and gender based violence.

Women reported one or more experiences of sexual harassment by professors or staff at a rate of 43 percent, whereas for men the rate was 21 percent. Almost 81 percent of women reported one or more instances of sexual harassment by other students compared with 46 percent of men.

Slightly less than 30 percent of women respondents and 23 percent of men respondents reported experiences of stalking. Women reported dating violence at a rate of 13 percent compared with two percent of men. While six percent of men reported experiencing non-consensual, non-penetrative sexual contact (groping or fondling), the rate was 26 percent for women.

Not all women are impacted evenly according to the findings. For women not involved in Greek life in fall 2022, the prevalence rate of rape or attempted rape was 20.6

percent but for women in Greek life the rate was almost twice as high: 38.4 percent.

On the heightened risk of rape or attempted rape for women in Greek life, Flack said, "So literally twice the risk and pretty close to one in two, in terms of the level of risk related to being involved in the Greek system, which raises all kinds of questions. Often, you hear people say, 'well, if we just got rid of the Greek system, then we'd get rid of this problem.' I don't think that's true. I think it's more complicated than that."

Factors besides Greek affiliation also impact experiences of sexual assault at Bucknell. Ariana Gambrell '23 conducted research on Bucknell's BIPOC population this year to get a better understanding of if and how being a BIPOC student affected prevalence rates of sexual violence. Knowing how large of a predictor Greek involvement is for experiences of sexual violence, Gambrell was concerned to find that there is no significant difference in rates of sexual violence between BIPOC and white students, despite the fact that only two-and-a-half percent of BIPOC respondents were involved in Greek life as opposed to 30.7 percent of white respondents.

Gambrell connected this finding to other survey questions she asked about endorsement of the Jezebel stereotype, which is a caricature of Black women which characterizes them as promiscuous, insatiably sexual and therefore always willing to have sex. Gambrell found that white students endorsed the Jezebel stereotype at a significantly higher rate than other students. She also conducted interviews with members of the BIPOC community

asking about sexual assault on Bucknell's campus, the Jezebel stereotype and their personal experience or knowledge of campus sexual assault.

In these interviews she found themes of feelings of hypervisibility, dehumanization, objectification and institutional mistrust that caused BIPOC students to not feel comfortable reporting their experiences. This institutional mistrust was a result of fear of being ostracized from their social circles, knowing that they have such a small campus community already, as well as hearing about poor Title IX reporting experiences through the BIPOC community, creating a waterfall effect.

The research team's expansion to qualitative interviews is in part due to a newer addition to the team: Professor Erica Delsandro. Another researcher utilized interviews in their study: Master's student Hannah Holt. Holt's research focused on the effects of COVID-19 and campus sexual assault during lockdown. Junior and senior women in 2018 indicated a 29.9 percent prevalence of attempted or completed rape, which was not statistically significant from the 35.2 percent prevalence in 2022. Counter to a decrease in reports of sexual assault and the assumption that prevalence rates of sexual assault would fall during the pandemic, Holt's analysis of prevalence rates before and after reveal that that was not the case.

From her interviews, Holt also identified a theme of fear of punishment as a result of disclosing their experience. Regarding Bucknell as an institution, students feared getting support after their assault or

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## Panel discusses coalition response to campus sexual assaults

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Bucknell's campus response to sexual assault rates and concerns was presented in the form of a panel on April 21, discussing a coalition form of response.

Panelists included Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Advocacy Coordinator Kristin Gibson, Institutional Equity & Title IX Coordinator Samantha Hart, Associate Director for Gender & Sexuality and Women's Resources Abby Fite, Assistant Director of Public Safety Jamie Grobes and Professor Bill Flack.

Gibson joined Bucknell staff this past September, and quickly become an integral part of SpeakUp's directionality and progress.

"I am there to provide advocacy," Gibson said. "So advocacy is distinct from counseling and I say that because I don't have a counseling background. I actually have a sociology background."

Gibson instead works to create a safe space for students, especially on a small campus such as Bucknell's where victim survivors may find it difficult to build these safe spaces if they're at higher risk of running into their perpetrator.

"So advocacy isn't meant to be in lieu of counseling, it's meant to really just kind of stand in support of," Gibson said. "I am a listening ear. I am a friendly face. I am helpful, and when I need to be, I am insistent on making sure that victim survivors' needs are being met by Bucknell."

The next panelist was Samantha Hart, who spoke on her contribution to the efforts from the perspective of her legal background. She spoke on the origins of Title XI, in order to give context and show positive progress that had been made since its instatement. What began in 1972 as an initiative to maintain gender equality in education later expanded to include sexual harassment and misconduct.

"Now, my personal philosophy and my work is that [current Title XI rules] are, again, the floor," Hart said. "And I want to know how we can go above and beyond to make sure we're supporting our campus population in a way that's even better, right than just just that minimum level of compliance."

Hart broke down the steps that the Title XI office goes through after receiving a report, so that this process can be transparent to the campus community.

"Once I receive a report, whether it comes in directly or it comes in through a mandatory reporter, I will reach out to the victim survivor, or the complainant is the term we utilize in our process," Hart said. "It's really important for you to know that that person never has to respond to me. They are not required to meet with me or respond to me."

"I am required to make sure they have the information they need to make an

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# breaking the bubble

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## DOMESTIC

Fox News's Tucker Carlson stepped down as the network's highest paid prime-time host last Monday. Carlson's final show was last Friday and the network now relies on a rotation of multiple hosts until Fox decides on their permanent anchor. The announcement comes just after Fox Corp. settled their defamation lawsuit against Dominion Voting Systems by paying them \$787.5 million. Dominion had accused Fox's news networks of spreading false claims that their voting systems helped rig the outcome of the 2020 US presidential election in favor of Joe Biden.

The College Board made an announcement last Monday that it will revise the African American AP History Course again. Revisions that took place in February were meant to eliminate the requirement that students learn modern Black history tenants. February's revisions were a response to conservative outrage over the material. The College Board was accused of watering down the new version of course requirements, which did teach critical race theory and other politically divisive subjects like Black feminism, queer theory and the Black Lives Matter movement. The College Board development committee and experts will work over the next few months to make changes, but added that demand for the course is growing — from 60 schools in the first pilot year to 800 schools collectively enrolling 16,000 students in the upcoming school year.

## INTERNATIONAL

Last Monday the Chinese government reassured its respect for former Soviet Union republics' sovereignty. This comes after Beijing's ambassador to France stated the opposite to a French broadcaster while answering a question about the status of Crimea, which Russia seized from Ukraine in 2014. Ambassador Lu Shaye stated that there was no agreement to "solidify their status as a sovereign country." The governments of former Soviet republics Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, were quick to reject Lu's statement. French President Emmanuel Macron offered "full solidarity to countries which were attacked in the reading of their histories and their borders." Beijing did not state that Lu's comment was incorrect. Lithuanian Foreign Minister Gabrielius Landsbergis tweeted, "If anyone is still wondering why the Baltic states don't trust China to 'broker peace in Ukraine,' here's a Chinese ambassador arguing that Crimea is Russian and our countries' borders have no legal basis."

The Biden administration announced the "Washington Declaration" last Wednesday to deter North Korea from launching a nuclear attack on South Korea. That same day, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol visited Washington, D.C. for a bilateral meeting and a state dinner with U.S. President Joe Biden. The new declaration calls for a visit by a U.S. nuclear ballistic submarine to South Korea for the first time in four decades, the strengthening of joint U.S.-South Korean military training and simulations and creating a "Nuclear Consultative Group," meant to focus on nuclear and strategic planning issues. The meeting highlighted United States and South Korea security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region and the need for diplomacy to address North Korea's "profoundly destabilizing" behavior. South Korea also pledged not to go nuclear amid public outcry that they should have this capability.

## Concert reading "The Storms We Brave" debuts in ELC Forum

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A concert reading of the Bucknell-original musical "The Storms We Brave" played out in the ELC Forum on April 23.

The event lasted from 7:30–10 p.m. While the original musical was created by Rosemarie Burynski '23, the night's show was directed by Ainsley Manlowe '24, and the music was directed by Ryan Hill '24.

In contrast to usual sets and productions, concert readings are a simpler form of theater, where actors read from scripts as the show is occurring, and there are typically no sets or costumes present. At this concert reading however, there was much more to play.

"The Storms We Brave" had never been seen by a live audience," Burynski, who created the experience, said. "The

main goal was to portray the story as accurately as possible. Therefore, the directors and I decided from day one to do a reading, where actors would have their scripts at all times. We were working in the ELC Forum, which... allowed for a small, intimate space where the words and music could really be heard."

She added, "we had costumes/costume changes, blocking, setting backdrops, sound effects, basic movement and props. In the end, it may not have been a fully staged production, but it also wasn't just a concert reading. It kind of became a very unique and special type of performance that worked perfectly for our cast and the type of story we wanted to tell."

The basic plot is about best friends and singer-songwriter duo Amber and Jack, who receive their 'big break' and

discover the seedy aspects of big-time stardom, as well as how they and other characters will contribute to the uncovering of a large political scandal. All the while, they are being used by their country's president for the latter's own machinations.

"Overall, the performance went better than I ever could have imagined," Burynski said. "I am forever grateful to the incredible cast and directors for treating the show so well and for allowing this story to come to life in such a special way."

Burynski continued, "the show night ran so smoothly, and I couldn't have asked for a better debut of my script. The audience seemed to enjoy it, as well! I'm looking forward to seeing the show recording and really hope that there is space for The Storms We Brave in the future of theatre."

## RECYCLING PLANT

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Sheida Sahandy, Chief Sustainability Officer of Encina said the company is taking a number of precautions to protect the river.

"Our system is expected to filter and remove materials as small as bacteria. By many measures, we will be returning the water back to the river at a higher level of quality than when it was removed," Sahandy said. "The Susquehanna River is a cherished source for recreation, tourism and the health of the area's ecosystem and environment. Our goal is to ensure it remains such for years to come."

There are also concerns that this facility could set the precedent for this area of Pennsylvania to become an industrial area.

"They supposedly have a facility in San Antonio, and residents have been asking over and over again where it is," Quinn said. "They said that they've tested the facility and the practices, but they won't provide an address."

"We don't have exact statistics or numbers, but there are definitely going to be some form of emissions coming from this building," Oak said. "If there's emissions in the area, it can have an effect on the health of students and faculty in the long run."

Because the plant is not Lewisburg, the group has instead been canvassing within Point Township where its effects will be more prevalent. Blumberg mentioned that she was surprised at

the lack of knowledge that residents had about a factory being built so nearby.

"We believe that that was very intentional," Blumberg said. "There isn't much research about what they're doing and their technology is very unproven. There's a lot of older residents in the area without internet or cell phone access, and we were the ones telling them about [Encina's plans]."

The group is thankful to already have some victories in their fight, especially in such a short amount of time. Encina had pushed to exceed the height limitations of their facility, but the permit to do so was denied.

The Save Our Susquehanna group currently has an online petition that has accumulated more than 1,000 signatures, and the students interviewed for this article encourage others to look into it, even if purely to learn more about the situation.

Quinn expressed that the coalition is in need of volunteers, especially as members such as themselves graduate and aren't able to be as involved.

"At the end of the day, it comes down to the fact that we're Environmental Studies students, and we believe in recycling. So if we believed that this was something that would have a positive effect on the environment, then we would be all for it," Blumberg said.

## A COMPLICATED STAT

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even getting STI tested because they were afraid they would get in trouble for breaking COVID social gathering protocols. According to the interviews, Bucknell did not make it clear to people that they could seek resources without retribution. Another major issue that came up in the interviews was that during the pandemic, men in fraternities had the most access to unpatrolled private spaces through downtown houses. If people experienced sexual assault in these fraternity spaces, they were afraid to tell their friends or tell others in fear that they would lose access to their only avenue for socializing.

Even outside of the pandemic, Holt found that access to private spaces continues to be an issue. First-year women living in the dorms do not have a private space to experiment with alcohol or sex, which means they have to go to other places, often the fraternities. Holt found in her interviews that sometimes this resulted in self-victim-blaming, wherein victim-survivors blamed themselves for going to someone else's room. Sexual violence is never the victim-survivors fault, but it is especially not in cases in which they entered their perpetrator's room because a roommate or other housing set-ups made their room unviable. Compared to first-year women and sorority women, who only have housing in Hunt Hall rather than chapter houses, upperclassmen men, especially those in fraternities, are more likely to have their own rooms and spaces.

"This is a structural level issue that contributes to the risk first year women face in what has become known as the 'red zone'

for campus sexual assault," which refers to the time period of statistically heightened risk, or the highest prevalence, of instances of sexual assault, "and what might contribute to sorority women's higher rates of attempted or completed rape at Bucknell overall," Holt said.

The Bucknellian asked Flack where we go from here knowing the information we have about prevalence. He pointed out that Bucknell has been doing a lot and doing what it should be doing in terms of prevention, programming and bystander intervention training, and yet still he has seen very little change in the prevalence of sexual assault on campus over the last 23 years that he has been conducting research.

He urged people to think more closely about changing social structures and institutions, specifically all-male groups or all-male peer support networks for women abuse, wherein groups of men teach other men how to successfully assault women. He has found evidence in his research which suggests that such groups exist at Bucknell.

Flack added that deconstructing institutional groups that are exclusively male does not have to mean completely dismantling Greek life. Modifications can be made instead, such as requiring all fraternities to be co-ed.

"I think that we need to continue doing what we're already doing," Flack said. "But we really need to consider seriously as a community what role exclusive all male groups have in terms of their impact on the campus community as a whole. And I think until we do that, we're probably not going to get very far."

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## Bucknellians' efforts in Australian tropical reforestation

**Sal Iovino**  
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Bucknell juniors Bret Hatzinger and Matt Abode embarked on an abroad experience to Queensland, Australia, as a continuation of their studies in the Bucknell Biology department last semester.

During their trip, the two were offered the unique experience to work with TREAT (Trees for the Evelyn and Atherton Tablelands), a community based volunteer organization in Queensland dedicated to reforestation efforts throughout Australia.

Alongside their trips to the Great Barrier Reef and other excursions throughout the array of environments throughout Australia, the duo's trip to a remote rainforest proved to be one of the most memorable.

When asked about their motivation for the trip as well as their involvement with TREAT, the two said "deforestation is a threat much of the planet faces due to agriculture, urbanization, and other human practices. Removing native forests strips habitat from endangered species, while eliminating massive carbon sinks essential to stabilizing the earth's climate."

They continued in their joint statement, "Tropical rainforests, such as the Wet Tropics bioregion of North Queensland, Australia are fast growing and highly diverse, but remain some of the most threatened ecosystems in the world. These habitats house endemic species such as the Southern Cassowary and Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroo, but habitat fragmentation, the process of breaking a once massive area of rainforest into small patches, has brought these species and many others to the brink of extinction. These forest fragments are separated by dangerous roads and farms

housing dogs that may attack these endangered animals, making the journey from habitat to habitat highly risky."

This motivation served the two as well as the rest of their roughly 90 person cohort of TREAT well throughout their experience, as over the course of just three days, Hatzinger and Abode prepared terrain for planting and added what eventually became roughly 1,500 trees back into the forest with the rest of their 90-person TREAT volunteer team.

Much of the work was not easy, as creating 1,500 holes for saplings in the rainy, muddy conditions that frequent the area can make for a less than pleasant experience, however, they said it is the love of the environment and the passion of the TREAT mission and its participants that make the work worthwhile. As an organization, TREAT aims to continue to engage students with an interest in the sciences and environment through volunteer experiences such as this, bringing the importance of the environment to the forefront of the educational experiences of the next generation.

In reflecting on the experience, both Hatzinger and Abode highlighted the importance of community and persistence in tackling the environmental changes that face society today.

"Our planting added ~1,500 trees to a growing rainforest corridor. Consider that TREAT plants up to 100,00 trees per season and has been active and growing for over 40 years? That's a significant contribution to tackling deforestation," they said. "So, even with disheartening news and extremely disappointing governmental policy developing on the environmental front, have faith. Community efforts are accessible, impactful, and strengthened by any contribution you can provide."

## Bucknell hosts first TEDx event in five years

**Juliette Gaggini**  
Investigative News Editor

Bucknell hosted its first TEDx event since 2018 this past Sunday. The event took place from 7-9 p.m. at the Campus Theatre.

The theme of this year's event was "The Essence of a Changing World," where the audience heard many perspectives and thoughts regarding different aspects of the changing world we live in today from the five guest speakers.

"This past weekend was a huge success," Lead Organizer Sahana Paravantavida said. "I was thrilled to see that the event was sold out and we sparked a lot of good conversations."

The event was kicked off by an introduction to the speaker series from Paravantavida. The audience was introduced to the theme and also got to hear introductions on each speaker from Christian Wall '26.

The first speaker was Gracy Shaw '25, who gave a speech titled "Being All One Can Be: A Changing Armed Forces." Majoring in International Relations, Russian, and Classical Studies, Shaw shared her experience as a woman in ROTC. In addition to her experience as a woman in the military, Shaw's speech focused on changes within the military and how new forms of power, such as AI, call on diversified skills within the military today.

The second speaker was Dr. Robyn Eversole, the Howard I. Scott Professor of Practice in Social Entrepreneurship in the Freeman College of Management at Bucknell. Eversole's speech was titled,

"Rural Communities Taking Charge of Change."

Drawing on her experiences as an anthropologist and expert in rural regional development, Eversole gave insight to her findings on what constitutes change in rural communities and who is at the forefront of that change. Eversole left the audience thinking about what kind of change they want to see in their rural communities and inspired them to take action on those changes.

The third speaker was Gabby Diaz '25, an Education and Political Science double major at Bucknell. Diaz's speech was titled, "The Labor of Diversification of Higher Education." Diaz addressed the expectations placed on students and faculty of color at a predominantly white institution such as Bucknell. Discussing her own encounters in different spaces at Bucknell, Diaz shined a light on certain challenges she has experienced on campus.

The fourth speaker was Dr. DeeAnn Reeder. Reeder is a professor at Bucknell and a bat biologist whose research explores the relationships between bat health, ecosystem health, conservation and human disease risk. Her speech, titled "Bats are Superheroes", took the audience on a funny and inspiring journey through understanding the strengths and weaknesses of a variety of bat species.

The final speaker was Kendy Alvarez '06. Raised in Lewisburg and a Bucknell alumni, Alvarez now serves as the Mayor for the Borough of Lewisburg. She spoke about her positionality in the town, being that she has

lived here since the age of five, and the local development over the years.

Student, Molly Garrahy '24, attended the event and was inspired by the speakers. "The student speakers were really impressive and it was so great to hear their perspectives and stories in such a professional way," she said.

In addition, Garrahy enjoyed getting to hear from the Mayor of Lewisburg and see a bridge between the Bucknell community and the town. "The mayor's story left a mark as she embodies the idea of existence in resistance," said Garrahy.

When reflecting on the speakers, Paravantavida said, "our speakers, all from a wide variety of backgrounds, left a lasting impression on our audience. The reason we chose these speakers was because they all gave a glimpse into the community's unique character."

The Bucknell community is excited to continue with future TEDx events after the success of this year's event. Students are already beginning the selection process for future leaders of the organization here on campus. The current staff is also working on a website which should be up soon.

"In the past, TEDxBucknell was a platform used to 'burst the Bucknell bubble.' This year, and in years to come, I hope we use it to showcase the ideas and experiences of individuals in this area. What work they do, how their experiences shaped them into who they are today, and the lessons they have learned throughout," Paravantavida said.

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informed decision on how to move forward," Hart continued. "And so that email will say, in detail, here are all your options. 'Here are confidential resources on campus if you want to talk to someone more thoroughly, but you don't want to document it by university. Here's where you can go.' And then of course I always end up with, 'Please let me know if you want to get together and discuss any of these things further.'"

The next panelist was Grobes, who spoke about the position that Public Safety holds in combatting sexual assault on campus.

"What we don't want to do is be one of the reasons that [victim survivors] don't reach out to law enforcement," Grobes said. "Bad policing leads to survivors feeling helpless and also powerless."

Grobes took initiatives to bridge the gap between public safety and the campus

community, to help eliminate any hesitancy towards reaching out for help. One of these initiatives was community outreach initiatives, to help acknowledge that students have specific experiences relating to law enforcement and that their feedback is important. She also wanted to emphasize that there are efforts being made to maintain transparency within the department.

The panel closed out with a Q&A portion. Writing Center Consultant Margaret Cronin asked, "What works to get men involved in this?"

Gibson, as a SpeakUp advisor, mentioned that they have three new male speakers. There is also an active ally plan on campus that has been educating members of the Greek community on issues of sexual violence. Regardless, there Gibson acknowledged that it is still a challenge getting men engaged in the conversation.

## BSG to create more transparent elections, approves funds for student pronoun stickers

Michael Taramina  
Assistant News Editor

The Bucknell Student Government reconvened for their last official session of Congress with a heavy agenda and some heartfelt goodbyes on April 23.

After going through the logistics in the beginning, such as calling the meeting to order, passing the minutes from last week, public comments and announcements from the executives, President Sam Douds '25 initiated the session with nine resolutions on hand.

The first three resolutions were introduced last week but voted on for official approval this week. The first one would help make the elections of the student government more transparent and sensible.

The second one explained the premise around the at-large committee on elections, specifically who it exists of and what it is responsible for. And the final resolution presented a BSG feedback form that students can fill out to express their opinions and concerns. All were passed with resounding unanimity.

The fourth resolution asked for \$750 for the Pronoun Initiative. The money would

"purchase blank stickers for RAs to distribute to individuals in their halls to share their preferred pronouns."

After further explaining the specifics of the resolution, it was passed.

The fifth resolution allocated funds for "class trees," which each senior class would plant in their spring semester. The trees would go on the Greenway, hoping to make this a tradition for all Bucknellians to take part in before they go.

Facilities, sustainability officers and finance committee members will work to ensure the process of picking and planting the trees gets done. The resolution was passed after concerns and comments.

"Thank You Professors" was the theme of the sixth resolution, in which funds would be collected to purchase greeting cards for students to write and give to their professors to show "gratitude" and for those students to get treats in return for doing so.

The seventh resolution would also allocate money to buy ice bags and ice pops to fund the "Take it Easy" initiative. Both resolutions were passed after some minor amendments.

The eighth resolution, introduced by Douds, was aimed

around Trans Visibility. The resolution would request a statement from President John Bravman be released within two weeks of sending and seeing a letter presenting BSG's commitment to working with the LGBTQ+ community to build a better Bucknell.

"We want to show that we are an organization committed to elevating voices around campus, and when they need elevating, we are preserving that purpose," Douds said.

After deliberation on how the statement would be presented, the resolution was passed.

The final resolution, and one long in the making, would allocate \$5,000 to purchase a new squat rack in the KLARC. After addressing how the new squat rack would be positioned in the gym, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The Congress went through their final committee reports with updates on events and initiatives to end the year.

To end the last session, the underclassmen took part in their annual tradition and stood up and applauded the graduating senior class and said thoughtful remarks to their time in BSG and wished them well in their time beyond Bucknell.

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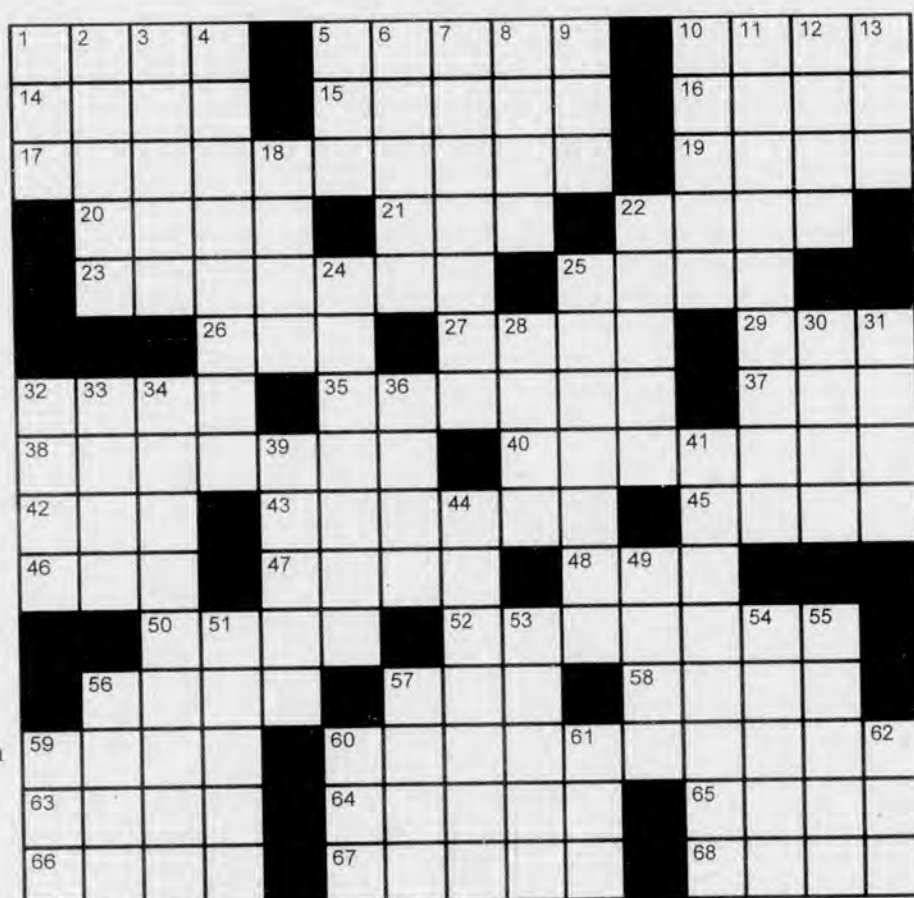
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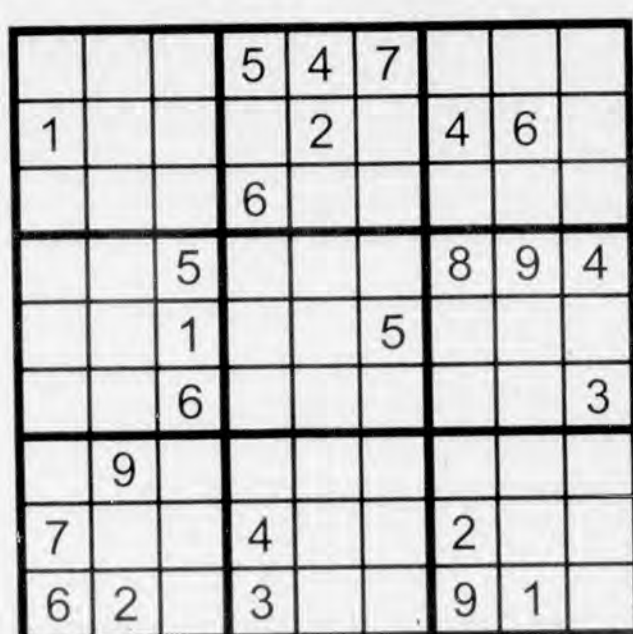


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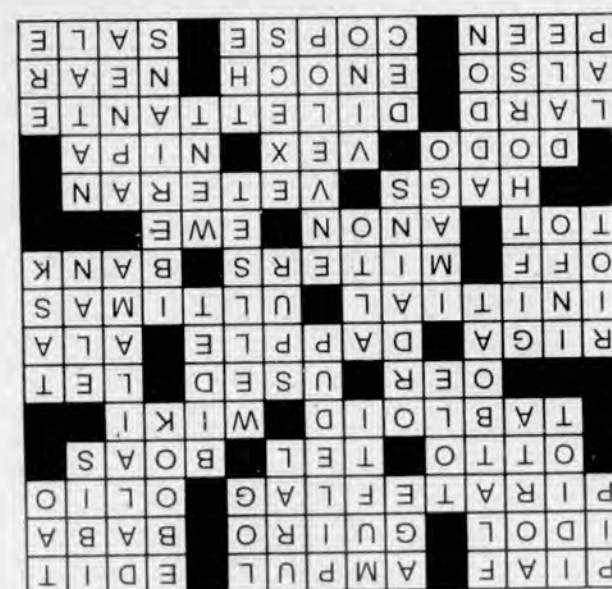
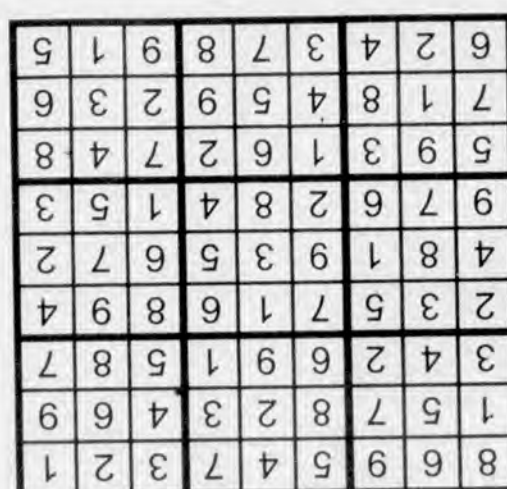
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## President Bravman writes to satire editors begging us to stop writing about him

Aaron Chin  
Satire Co-Editor

To The Bucknellian Satire Editors,

I hope that this letter finds you well. As the year comes to a close, I always like to take the time to reflect on the various student organizations and what they have accomplished. While reading through "The Bucknellian," I have found many instances where I feel I have been inaccurately portrayed, specifically in the satire column. While I know that satire should be fun, my fragile ego cannot take the amount of criticism I have been subjected to. It has gone too far, and this needs to stop.

My issues with "The Bucknellian" started with an April 1, 2022 article called "Bravman Begins," in which a contributing writer presents evidence that I am the fabled "Batman." This is an outright lie. I only said "I am vengeance" when quoting Robert Pattinson, my celebrity crush, and threw a smoke bomb when federal government workers threatened to evict me from my home.

Furthermore, my portrayal in the October 2022 article, "President Bravman-lookalike contest shut down after Bravman himself gets second place," is completely inaccurate. While I was, of course, very unhappy about my second-place finish, I maturely took my loss to heart. After shutting down the contest, I told the Board of Trustees that they could still hold the contest annually, although I did issue a

fine to the mysterious "Ron D. Schwabban" for three million dollars due to identity theft. As the intellectual Dwight Schrute says, "Identity theft is not a joke... millions of families suffer every year."

Yet more falsehood lies in the April 2023 article, "Students blame their lateness on the influx of tour groups — acceptable excuse?" While I admit that our class size per year has been leading to more tour groups than this campus has ever seen, I will not be implementing a monorail system to get people from class to class. That's ludicrous, and everyone knows it; I can't even fathom where this writer got his "information" from, because it clearly wasn't from me. Instead, I revealed at a press conference last month that we will be hiring pilots to fly students between classes in their own private jets with a huge picture of my face painted on the exterior — a much more sensible, cost-effective strategy.

The latter two articles that I mentioned were not only entirely false but they were also written by you, the satire editors. Since you are the editors, I cannot believe that you would let such incorrect blasphemy make its way into your articles. As a result of these persistent mischaracterizations, I am officially calling on the satire editors to stop making fun of me in any future articles.

Sincerely,  
President John C. Bravman

## Bison Sound Goes Mute

Tyler Thrutchley  
Staff Writer

After being banned from Bison Sound in 2022, Robby Downing was set to make his return in April of 2023. Before last year's incident, Robert was already looked down upon for trying to walk into a college event as a middle-aged Lewisburg local.

But it was the scene he caused last year that earned him a lifetime ban from the popular Bucknell event. After a food truck owner accidentally put relish on his hotdog, he thought it would be a good idea to throw it right back in the owner's face, which triggered a visit from PSafe and a lifetime ban from Bucknell's campus.

Robby's plan for 2023 was simple. Instead of listening to the various bands and enjoying the variety of foods, he would make Bison Sound a living torture for everyone who was on Sojka lawn that night. And he would do this from afar.

You see, Robby knew that all of the lights and sounds of Bison Sound were quite literally made possible by one circuit board that was in the middle of the lawn. All he had to do was switch off a few buttons, and Bison Sound would go mute. The hard part would be actually getting to the circuit board, as two guards were monitoring the entrance to ensure that no more shenanigans went down.

Decked out in all Bucknell apparel, with a clean-shaven beard and Sigma Chi sweatshirt, Robby channeled his inner Bucknellian and waltzed toward the guards.

"Sup, bros," said Robby, as he dapped up the guards. The two

guards looked at each other and grinned. His outfit was almost comical, but it did the trick. Robby walked right by them and arrived at the lawn without suspicion.

Unlike the entrance to Sojka lawn, the circuit board was unguarded; nobody would expect what was about to go down.

The timing was perfect, too. There was exactly an hour left of Bison Sound. He had been specifically waiting till the end to execute his plan, so that he could take revenge on the event's final performers: the officers who had arrested him last year. The darkness of the evening would also create shock value when all of the lights were shut off.

There were 100 students crowded around their favorite P-Safe officers as they reached the climax of their performance. Robby approached the circuit board. The buttons were much less complex than he expected. His fingers glided over the buttons and he took action.

Just then, everything went mute. The instruments were inaudible, and all of the lights were shut off. Murmurs went around Bison Sound, and the people wanted to find their culprit.

But no one would ever suspect Robby Downing. He was a frat boy, after all. Why would he have a vendetta against Bison Sound? Robby chuckled to himself as everyone scrambled to find the offender.

But little did they know, their offender was walking back toward town. He was a local, after all, not some frat boy.

## Lack of Flyson creates chaos on Bucknell's campus



Nick Maggi  
Contributing Writer

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Greeks. Nerds. P-Safe. ROTC. My RA used to tell me stories about the old days, a time of peace when the Flyson kept balance between the Greek Tribes, Nerd Kingdom, P-Safe Nation, and ROTC Nomads. But everything changed when the P-Safe Nation attacked, ticketing cars at random and raiding freshmen dorms.

Only the Flyson's food could appease all four nations. Only it could stop the P-Safe platoon. But when Bucknell needed it most, it vanished. One week has passed and P-Safe is nearing victory in the War on Fun. Two days ago, my hallmates journeyed to the Nerd Kingdom (Dana) to help fight against the P-Safe Nation, leaving me and the cat that lives in the hall to look after our dorm. Some people believe that the Flyson was never that good, and that the food trucks at Bison Sound were much better. I haven't lost hope. I still believe that somehow, the Flyson will return to save the Bucknell campus.

The Flyson's disappearance has haunted students for the long, painful period of one week. Some poor

souls are stuck in Student Health, in catatonic shocks and mumbling words in Latin due to Chicken and Waffle sandwich withdrawal. Sadly this is only stage one of recovery; soon these children will become delirious, saying things only lunatics would say like "You know what looks good? The new season of 'Love is Blind' or 'We should take a road trip to Milton.' Student Health helped these students by giving them cough drops. Students have also reported that since the Flyson disappeared they have been experiencing insomnia, paranoia and panic attacks. They say the pain feels about as agonizing as doing homework without using chatGPT.

On the other hand, P-Safe has used this opportunity to raid dorms under the jurisdiction that they heard there might be a ferret in there. Professors are worried about upcoming exams, as students are starting to question the point of it all if they can't get overpriced loaded nachos at 2:00 a.m. Class attendance has dropped as well as the professor's willingness to teach. Professors have been

spotted at Bull Run during the day saying "surprise me" to the bartender, a sign that things are not molto bene.

No one from the frats has gone to class this week, so at least one thing is normal. There are also rumors that black market Flyson Food is being sold to students at ridiculous prices, almost as high as the Flyson's normal prices. The street corner where the Flyson once stood has now become a shrine to the vanished van. Students kneel and pray at the assortment of order receipts, paper trays, and \$40 Flyson Sweatshirts, hoping one day they can taste loaded nachos from the truck one more time. If the Flyson can read this there isn't much time, and any minute now the campus ecosystem could collapse. Please read decipher this code Flyson, you are our only hope:

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## Bucknellian employs Lewisburg residents to run the paper when all editors go abroad

Hayley Leopold  
Satire Co-Editor

No offense Bucknell, but by the time students reach spring of their junior year, they want to get out of here. That's why about 42% of Bucknell's students study abroad during their four years in the 'burg. Studying abroad is so popular, all 17 of "The Bucknellian's" editors are going abroad next semester. Bucknell has numerous "Bucknell in" programs that the editors are participating in, including Bucknell en France, Bucknell in London, and Bucknell en España. Unfortunately, "Bucknell in" has left Bucknell in need of new newspaper editors now that all of theirs will be gone.

Us editors would never be so irresponsible as to leave without finding replacements! We know that Bucknell students have a lot of responsibilities and expired caf food on their plates. So while we venture the globe, we've decided to employ Lewisburg residents to keep the paper running.

Since satire is the most important section of the entire publication, this was the first editorial position we looked to fill. Thankfully, Adam Sandler moved to Lewisburg just last week. Now that Sandler's kids are grown ups, he decided to just go with it when his wife suggested they sell their LA estate and move to Pennsylvania to lead a more modest lifestyle. Sandler told "The Bucknellian" that he plans to write his first satire piece about the 50 best places to have a first date, which he would follow with an article suggesting the scariest bedtime stories to tell children.

Next, we sought a local who could act as a temporary news editor. We wrote a letter imploring local news reporter and Lewisburg legend John Durgandy to accept the position. Durgandy, a Bucknell alum, was ecstatic when we extended the offer! He has since been shadowing our current news editors to see

how they like to run things. First, we taught Durgandy that news pieces always end with a signature line. He has since disclosed that his weekly send off will be "You stay classy, Lewisburg."

The next editor position we filled is none other than the Editor-in-Chief. For this role, we looked to choose a who knows the ins and outs of Bucknell life, a long time Lewisburg local who is truly one with the students. After much deliberation, I am honored to announce to you all "The Bucknellian's" newest EIC, Buck Nelson!

Mr. Nelson will be at the helm of the paper for the foreseeable future, hopefully finally bridging the gap between campus and the larger Lewisburg community. For me, this will be my last article for a while since I'll be studying abroad with Bucknell en France next semester. Until we meet again, I bid you all a cordial au revoir.

## Bucknell cancels all finals

Kieran Calderwood  
Staff Writer

At last! Bucknell's administrators have finally realized that their students have enough on their plates and need more free time to do what rich young adults at private universities do. In order to enhance everyone's mental and emotional health, Bucknell has canceled all finals for the spring semester of 2023.

After the announcement, many professors have been disappointed to notice that instead of shopping for designer clothes during class, their students are booking first-class tickets to places like Cancun, Aruba, Barbados and the Bahamas. But the students aren't the only ones making moves. When Professor Burner of the philosophy department realized that he would not be obliged to write or grade

any final exams, he booked the first available flight to Vegas. Fortunately, the first and last flight from Harrisburg to Vegas was leaving the very next day.

It's well known that everything that goes wrong on this campus can be blamed on Bucknell Student Government. But if something actually goes right, should they get the credit? Of course not! They can't do anything right. The credit must go to the man behind the curtain—the Wizard of Odd, if you will: the one and only Brent Papson! That's right, folks, Pappy Brent fought long and hard to earn us an extra 10 days of summer. After countless years in the private education system, Brent has been able to discern something that not many people have

figured out: We are not here to learn. We're here to party for four years, get a job at a business that has a party culture, meet someone who loves to party as much as we do, have kids that will grow up to yearn for more parties and send them out into the world to let the party cycle roll on.

As I write this from my jetBlue economy seat, I see a man who literally rises head and shoulders above the other passengers in the first-class seats ten rows in front of me. He has to be at least 7'2"—much too tall to rest his head on the normal-sized headrest. It's either an NBA vet or...he turns his head...

It's President Johnny Bravo. Looks like we're both headed to Jamaica.



# Academic Civic and Community Engagement at Bucknell

Juliana Rodriguez  
Special Features Editor

## Building

its prevalence back up after the effects of COVID-19, the Office of Civic Engagement has been working with students, faculty and staff. Major changes throughout the year have expanded options to work within the community surrounding Bucknell and transform typical teaching and learning methods.

"This year our office has been really excited to support Bucknellians engaging in the local community around priorities identified by local community leaders," Lynn Pierson, Director of the Office of Civic Engagement, said. "With our new Engaged Bucknell software, we are beginning to and will continue to understand where and how our campus is making a positive impact in the local community. With gratitude to our office's reporting line to Dr. Robert Midkiff, we have been able to move forward with other exciting initiatives such as the community engaged minor." Engaged Bucknell and the new Community Engaged Leadership Minor are two of the many advancements the office has made this year. Engaged Bucknell was a new platform created and offered to students, staff and faculty. This site provides a space for on campus or local organizations to advertise engagement and volunteer opportunities. The site also allows groups to track hours for classes or extracurricular activities. Students can access the site through Engage Bucknell.

## The

Community Engaged Leadership Minor was another new addition Pierson highlighted. After obtaining approval only a few weeks ago on March 23, students in the 2024-25 academic year students will have the opportunity to select this minor. The minor was approved by all three colleges and required the work of many faculty members and professors to make up the Minor Coordinating Council. Professor Katherine Faull, the Director for Community Engaged Learning and Research set aside time to talk with the Bucknellian about the new minor and the hopeful future of Civic Engagement at Bucknell. Faull discussed the Inside Out classes and Prison Education program, an initiative that is giving incarcerated students the opportunity to earn college credits. Students from Bucknell and SCI Coal Township prison were able to enroll during this spring semester for Professor Tom Solomon's UNIV 232 Science, Technology and Society class. The creation and funding for this program came from the Humanities Center and Mellon Funding. Bucknell has professors lined up to teach Inside Out classes for at least the next few years and hopes to continue the program far longer. Faull highlighted the positive impacts the Prison Education program is helping to promote as it aims to prevent recidivism. She shared that students who have earned credits while incarcerated have gone on to follow a path, after release, of attending community college and getting a degree or even graduating from Bucknell.

## Community

partners are crucial to further the prominence of Civic Engagement for Bucknell students. Faull explained that because of Covid-19, many of their partnerships dissolved and they have had to establish new ones. Teaching a course with a campus partner takes extra work to figure out course material and arrange for transportation in rural Lewisburg. The benefits that come from starting these courses include the enriched educational environments for students, the transformation of teaching methods and experience of building relationships and making connections. When talking about what they hope the future of Civic Engagement and these classes will bring she said, "We are working towards integrating community engaged thinking and work across the curriculum at Bucknell and fulfilling our mission statement. We want to educate the campus that we're not talking about service learning, that's old language, and our partners have priorities not needs. Civic Engagement is moving away from this historical savior complex." "Students and faculty as agents of change working towards social justice," Faull said.

## This

year, Civic Engagement has two active Campus Community Collaborative Research Grants for students. They featured the CEE, water testing of the Buffalo Creek with the Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance. The second grant works in Milton with Environmental History, Biology, History, Place Studies and TIME. Civic engagement also promotes different internship opportunities students can participate in. The internships through Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty are eight-week programs in various locations throughout the United States. Students work on the treatment of poverty as a complex social issue. There will be five students participating in these internships next summer. New to the options for a Civic Engagement internship are the Summer Engaged Internships on campus. This year two students will be living at Bucknell to work with local community partners for eight weeks. The program allows partners to identify priorities within the community for the program to work on. It is stated in the Academic Civic and Community Engagement Report 2022-23 that the summertime is when the community and partners need support most. The first annual Community Engaged Learning and Research Poster Session began April 17 on the main floor of the Bertrand Library and will be displayed for anyone to visit until the end of finals. Posters display engaged research and projects that various Bucknell students have been conducting. The poster session was sponsored by the Office of Civic Engagement and the Office of the Provost.



# THE BUCKNELLIAN sports

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## Track and Field sweeps Bucknell Team Challenge

Brooke Tracey  
Staff Writer

Bison Men's and Women's Track and Field hosted the Bucknell Team Challenge on Saturday, April 22. Nine teams competed throughout the day, including: Army, Binghamton, Mount St. Mary's, Saint Francis (Pa.), Lock Haven, Lafayette, Bloomsburg and American. Despite the weather delays, the Orange & Blue swept first place by large margins for both the men and the women.

The Bison men outpaced their competition with 150 points compared to Army's 92 points.

In the shot put, four Bison throwers scored points. Anthony Zamorra '23 won gold with a toss of 54-7 1/2, Braden Stryker '25 earned silver with a throw of 52-9 1/4, Wade Shomper '26 won bronze with a 51-2 3/4 throw and Robert Lerner '26 grabbed sixth place with a throw of 48-1 1/4. Altogether, shot put added 25 points for the Bison.

"The team challenge was a blast this weekend," Zamorra said. "There were so many great performances, and it was awesome getting to celebrate all the members of the graduating class. [I am] looking forward to entering the championship season and having some great marks."

For the javelin throw, James Reidinger '25 and Trevor Drescher '25 earned silver and bronze, adding a combined fourteen points to the Bison score. John "Jack" Calisi '23 and Robert Feeney '23 combined for eight points in the hammer throw competition.

Over at Christy Mathewson Memorial Stadium, Noah Martin '23 won the 3000-meter steeplechase and Henry Didden '26 earned fourth place.

The Bison 4x100-meter team added 10 points, as Cooper Hyken '26, Matthew Perello '24, Ethan Wolford-Tuffy '24 and Brandon Foust '25 earned a time of 41.60 seconds and clinched first place. Perello and Hyken also placed in the 100-meter dash along with Brayden Young '26 who collectively earned fourteen points.

The Orange and Blue had three finishers in the top five of the high jump, with Jeffery Cianfrocca '26, Tristan An '25 and Thomas Cahill '24 all contributing points. For long jump, Cahill and Matt Federovich '24 both placed, with leaps of 20-11 1/4 and 20-5 1/4, respectively.

Many more Bison athletes earned critical points for the team, including Franco Perinotti '23 who earned second

place in the pole vault at 15-5, Foust who finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.21 seconds and fourth in the 400-meter dash, Rayven Sample '24 who finished fifth in the 400-meter dash, Chris Sims '25 who earned fourth place in triple jump, Domenic Campagna '23 who finished fifth in the 3000-meter run with a time of 8:43.85 and Max Spaulding '24 who finished sixth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 57.97 seconds.

The Bison women won by an even larger margin than the men, with 227 points compared to Army's 72 points.

The Orange and Blue jumpers saw immense success, as Karen Hull '24 set the school record with a high jump of 5-8 3/4. Olivia Boyce '24 tied the previous record of 5-7 3/4, and Madeline Lehker '26 had a leap of 4-11 3/4.

The jumpers weren't the only group to break the school record, as the 4x100-meter relay team shattered their previous record with a time of 46.32. Bridget Lalonde '23, Meghan Quinn '24, Lila Gaughan '24 and Hull '24 compose this all star team.

In the 400-meter dash, three Bison runners earned points including Katherine Loew '25, Colleen Linko '24 and Mackenzie Turner '23, all of who finished in the top six.

Mia Bellucci '23 brought home first place in the 3000-meter run and was closely followed by teammates Kate Amaddio '23 who clinched second and Keeley Misutka '25 who earned fifth place.

In the 3000-meter steeplechase, Ally Clarke '24 earned first place as Tori Chace '26 earned sixth. Mariana Engelby '24 also won the 1500-meter run with a time of 4:44.69.

For the 100-meter dash, Quinn added another first place finish to her impressive career. Gaughan also placed in sixth earning an additional point for the Orange and Blue.

As for the 100-meter hurdles, Hull claimed first and Emily Grubb '24 earned sixth place. Jessie Castellano '23 and Lalonde claimed second and third place, respectively, in the 200-meter dash, earning a combined fourteen points for the Bison.

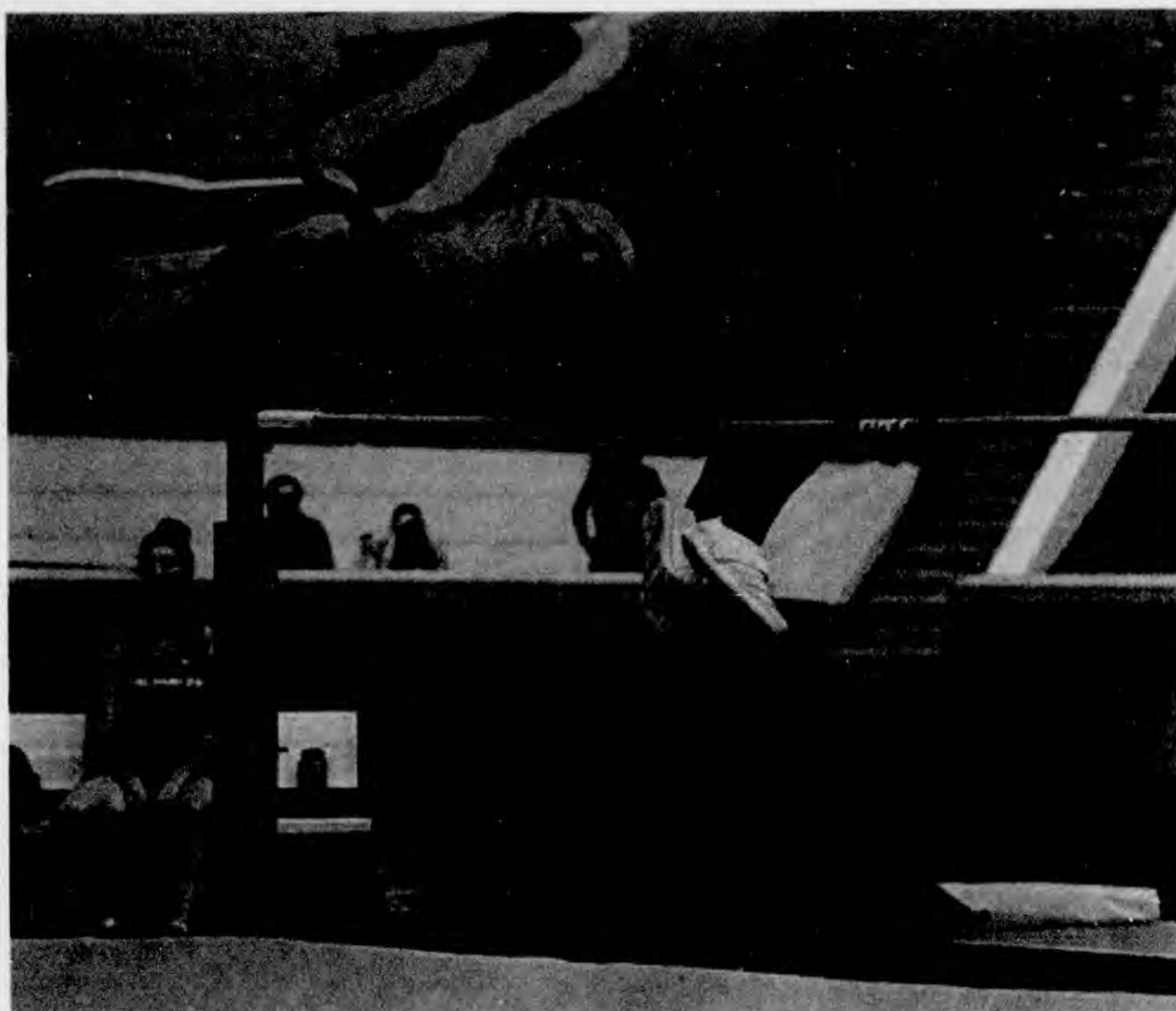
As for the 800-meter run, Caryn Rippey '26 earned second place with teammates Abby Paczewski '24 and Hollie Walters '24 finishing at fifth and sixth.

The Bison had five different scorers in the 400-meter hurdles including Ella Derstine '25, Maddy Hippensteal '24, Alison Cooke '26, Mikayla Horvath '23 and Abigail Dunne '23.

As for the field events, Brylee Tereska '26 won the javelin throw, with Riley Beebe '23 earning fourth place and Phoebe Blumberg '23 earning sixth.

Three Bison finished in the top five of shot put, with Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 taking home gold, Christine Ajao '25 taking home bronze and Avery Rebar securing fourth place. Madison McGloin '24 also placed second in the hammer throw.

After a few weekends at home, the Bison are back on the road. From Thursday, April 27 until Saturday April 29, the Orange & Blue will compete at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia. The Bison will also compete at the Maroon and Gold invitational in Bloomsburg on Saturday, April 29.



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### Upcoming Events

#### Men's Golf

- @ Patriot League Championship, 4/28

#### Track and Field

- @ Penn Relays in Philadelphia, 4/28

#### Women Tennis

- @ West Point, N.Y., vs. Colgate 4/28

#### Women's Water Polo

- @ Harvard 4/28 at TBD

#### Men's Lacrosse

- @ Navy 4/28 at 7:30 p.m.

#### Softball

- @ St. John's University on 4/29 at 12 p.m.

#### Baseball

- vs. Holy Cross 4/29 at 12 p.m.

#### Women's Rowing

- vs. Villanova and Delaware 4/29 at 4 p.m.

## Baseball battles Lehigh in series, comes out on top

Tallulah Fuhs  
Staff Writer

Facing the Lehigh Mountain Hawks in Bethlehem, Pa., the Bison Baseball team came in hot in the first game of this series of three.

In the first inning, two of the Bison batters got struck by the pitch, allowing them to walk. Junior Grant Voytovich came to the plate and boomed a ball over the left-field wall, giving the Bison a 3-0 lead already.

Lehigh was not able to return the heat with Chris DiFiore '23 throwing dimes. Anthony Sherwin '24 then hit his second home run of the year in the top of the second, increasing the lead to 4-0.

Lehigh gained some ground in the third inning, though. A two-run homer in the third and a three-run homer in the fifth allowed the Mountain Hawks to change the score to 4-6. In the sixth inning, the Bison regained their footing and hit the ball out of the park, literally. Jake Wortman '23 and Kyle Lyons '23 got on the bases with singles. Sherwin loaded the bases with a bunt.

Voytovich, yet again, soared a ball over the left wall, changing the score to 8-6. Theo Farynick '23 and Ryan Osinski '26 were able to hold off Lehigh over the next couple of innings other than one run. Osinski ended the game at 8-7.

The second game of the day started but was soon suspended due to the weather. The Bison were able to gain a 3-0 lead in the second inning with singles from Tyler Dunn '25, Billy Kender '25 and Chris Klein '23. Lyons drove in a run with Sherwin following and driving in two more runs. Lehigh came back with power, slamming three home runs and extra runs, leading the game 5-3.

A sacrifice ball then allowed the Mountain Hawks to change the score to 3-6. The game ended due to lightning but would be rescheduled for the next day.

The following day did not start well for the Bucknell Baseball Team. The first inning was silent for both teams.

In the top of the second, Dunn started with a single to center field. Kender singled, Klein walked and Lyons was able to get on base on a fielder's choice, sending Dunn home. Lyons was then able to steal second base; with Sherwin up next and singling, both Lyons and Kender were able to score.

The next two innings were uneventful, keeping the score 3-0 with the Bison in the lead. In the bottom of the fourth, Lehigh was able to get ahead. Three home runs with walks in between changed

the score to 3-5. Lehigh was able to score another run in the fifth through a single.

At the top of the seventh, Nic Adamo '23 and Sherwin got on the bases, and Jacob Corson '24 singled, allowing Adamo to score. Lehigh returned with three more runs in the bottom of the seventh. In the next inning, the Mountain Hawks were able to gain one more run through singles. The game ended 4-10. Lehigh won.

Tied in the series, the Bison knew they had to put in the work and win. In the bottom of the first inning, Lehigh scored three runs. Multiple singles led teammates to home plate. The game remained silent for the next couple of innings.

In the fourth, Sherwin doubled, and Voytovich followed and doubled, sending his teammate home. Sophomore Sean Keys singled, advancing Voytovich to third. Corson reached on a fielder's choice, sending Voytovich home, ending the inning at 2-3.

Lehigh returned this front with one more run in the bottom of the fourth. In the fifth, Sherwin hit a triple and got sent home by Voytovich in the next play. Lehigh scored three more runs in the bottom of the sixth.

The Bison men returned this with two more runs in

the seventh. Lyons walked. Sherwin doubled with Voytovich to follow, sending Lyons home. Keys flew out, allowing Sherwin to score. The inning ended with a score of 5-7.

It was not until the top of the ninth that Bison reeled it in and took over the game. Lyons walked with Sherwin running out. Voytovich walked, sending Lyons to second. Keys flew out. Corson came up to bat with two outs and boomed the ball over the right-field fence. Three runs allowed the Bison to steal the game and change the score to 8-7.

The Mountain Hawks could not come back from this, so the Bison came out with the win.

"This weekend gave us a couple of wins on the road, which we needed heading into the last weekend," Dunn said. "Our team put the pieces together in these close games against the Lehigh squad that was starting to get hot. As of right now, I think everybody feels that we are in a good spot. We are excited to get after it this week and next weekend."

The Bison return to play on Wednesday in Philadelphia against Saint Joseph's and then finish up Patriot League play with a series against Holy Cross at their home field.



## Softball sweeps Holy Cross, falls to Saint Francis (Pa.)

Charlotte Dursee  
Senior Writer

Bison Softball competed in a three-game series against Holy Cross. They were able to win two crucial games on the first day of the series, improving their record to 12-26, 4-10 in patriot league play.

Olivia Marinelli '23 started in the circle for the first game. Holy Cross opened with an impressive homer to try and set the tone for the rest of the game. However, the Bison soon were able to obtain a comfortable lead over the Crusaders in the third inning.

Ava Aguilar '25 started the Bison off with a single and was able to advance to third off of two sacrifice bunts. MaKenzie Hilling '25 hit a double that brought home Aguilar.

The Bison continued to dominate in the third inning. Zoie Smith '24 had an RBI single and then stole second. Savannah Jones '25 singled down the right field line. Smith scored before Jones was tagged out and the Bison finished the inning with a 3-1 lead.

Holy Cross grabbed a run in the third inning, cutting the score to 3-2. Kaiya Burton '23 ended the inning before the Crusaders could make any more damage.

The Bison added another run in the top of the fifth inning. Haley Speicher '26 hit a triple to center field. Hilling followed with a walk and then stole second. An infield single from Smith loaded the bases. Jones hit an RBI to bring in the Bison's fourth run of the game. Chase Knapp '23 grounded out and brought the inning to an end.

The Bison added another run in the seventh inning to cushion their lead. Holy Cross made their best attempts to come back but the Bison prevented any more runs for the Crusaders. The first game ended 5-2.

Right off the bat, the Bison grabbed the lead in the second matchup. With two outs on the scoreboard, Smith singled and then stole second base. Jones brought her in with a single and then advanced to second as the Crusaders threw home. Knapp followed with a triple that scored Jones and gave the Bison a 2-0 lead.

Holy Cross came out strong as well, tying the game up in their frame of the first inning. A walk and a double brought in their first run, followed by a single with the tying run. Jones obtained three outs to end the inning before Holy Cross could grab the lead.

Holy Cross continued scoring in the bottom of the third and were able to jump out to a 5-2 lead. Jones loaded the bases and soon was replaced by Madison Roukey '25, who closed the inning before any more runs were scored.

The Bison counterattacked their next time up. Knapp got things started with a double.

Kailyn Lorberter '23 hit a single that brought in Knapp to score. Speicher hit a single that brought in another run. The inning ended with the Bison cutting the score to 5-2.

In the fourth inning, Holy Cross added another run. A double and a bunt put runners on first and third. The run came from a wild pitch. Roukey was able to prevent any further runs by ending the inning but Holy Cross led 6-4.

In the fifth inning, the Bison successfully stole the lead from the Crusaders. Smith walked after a lengthy at bat. Jones singled and Knapp drew another walk to fill the bases. Lorberter successfully brought in two runs off a double. Juliette Basso '25 pinch hit and hit a sacrifice fly that brought in the second run. The inning ended soon after, but the Bison now held the close lead 7-6.

Burton entered the circle in the sixth inning to pitch. The Crusaders were able to put runners on bases but nothing came from their efforts. The Bison finished the second game with a 7-6 win.

The final game in the series against Holy Cross took place the next day. Roukey started in the circle and tallied a career-high of 10 strikeouts as she pitched a complete game shutout. The first three innings were uneventful with neither team seeing much action.

The Bison got things started offensively in the top of the fourth inning. Speicher started with an impressive triple that rolled to the wall. Hilling hit a sacrifice fly that brought in Speicher to score. Smith reached on an error and Jones was walked. Knapp brought Smith home with a single. Lorberter walked and the Bison loaded the bases and only had one out on the board. Basso and Annabella Hawkins '24 were unable to capitalize on the opportunity and the inning came to an end.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Roukey let up a walk, but was able to prevent any damage by striking out the next three batters.

In the fifth inning, Speicher singled and Smith and Jones both walked to load the bases. Holy Cross successfully prevented any runners from being brought in.

The Bison added a run in the seventh inning. Noelle Gardon '24, Speicher and Hilling each singled. Elena Horn '25 entered to run for Gardon. Smith hit a fielder's choice that resulted in Horn being called out. Jones singled to bring in Speicher and push the Bison's lead to 3-0. The next two batters brought in the next two outs.

Roukey obtained two quick outs in the final frame. A fly out caught by Speicher ended the game and gave the Bison their final victory in

the series. This marked the Bison's first sweep since the 2021 season.

The Bison took on Saint Francis in a double header on Tuesday at home. Marinelli once again started in the circle. Both teams were calm offensively throughout the first two innings. The Bison had a chance to score in the top of the third as they loaded the bases, but a pop up and ground out from Smith and Jones brought the inning to a close. Saint Francis capitalized on this momentum and scored a run in the third inning. Marinelli was able to prevent any other runs that inning.

The Bison's next chance to score came in the sixth inning. Smith doubled (her fourteenth on the season), and Jones was hit by a pitch. Three straight outs ended the inning before they could bring the runners in.

Their third and final opportunity to tie the game came in the final inning. Gardon walked and Speicher singled with one out. Hilling hit and got the second out. Smith was able to load the bases on a walk. However, Jones popped up and Saint Francis was able to end the game with a 1-0 victory.

Later that day the Bison faced Saint Francis one more time. The Orange and Blue were the first to score right away in the first inning. Speicher stole her way to second after a single. Smith popped up and Speicher reached. Lorberter was up with two outs and singled up the middle which brought Speicher in.

Burton started in the circle but immediately faced adversity. Saint Francis tied the game up off a double, a wild pitch and single. Then a single and two doubles tallied three more runs. Roukey came in to clean up and end the inning but Saint Francis led 4-1.

The Bison were able to cut the deficit in the third inning to 6-2. Speicher and Hilling singled, and Speicher soon advanced to third on a pitchers choice. Jones hit a fly that brought in the run.

Hunter Vestal '24 entered to pitch in the third inning. Saint Francis pulled off seven runs against Vestal and now led 13-2 by the end of the third. Neither team scored in the fourth inning.

The Bison needed to score in the fifth and did their best to do so. Basso singled and Speicher reached on an error, which sent Basso to third and Speicher to second. Hawkins hit a grounder to bring Basso in to score. Smith's RBI brought in Speicher. However, the momentum soon came to an end and Saint Francis won 13-4.

The Bison looked to improve their record this Saturday in a double header against St. Johns in Queens, N.Y.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Karen Hull '24

### Profile

#### Sport

Track and Field

#### Hometown

Randolph, N.J.

#### High School

Randolph

#### Position

Sprints & Jumps



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Caleb Wooten  
Staff Writer

Another week, another record for Bucknell Women's Track and Field standout Karen Hull '24. Hull was part of two record-breaking performances in both the 4x100 relay as well as high jump.

Hull's mark of 5-8 ¾ broke the previous record by an inch, solidifying her mark in school history and also the nation. Hull's jump was the best in the Patriot League this year and ranks her as number 62 in the country.

The standout junior also received conference honors, as Hull won Patriot League Women's Field Athlete of the Week.

"This season, I've really just been focused on getting back into the swing of things after my injury," Hull said. "After the Patriot League Indoor Championships, I found out I had a strained meniscus and MCL as well as a shifted patella. It's been tough to try to get back to the performances I was having while managing these injuries, so this weekend was definitely a confidence booster."

Hull continues to be the it-factor for the Bison, and will rely on her greatly in their championship run. Hull has solidified herself as one of the best hurdlers and high jumpers in the Patriot League, and is looking to score major points in both events. Hull thinks that the Bison have a chance to do something special at Patriot League Outdoor Championships.

"I've been trying to take it one day at a time and not put too much pressure on myself, which has helped a lot. I was actually able to clear 5-8 in practice for a few reps leading up to the meet, which was higher than the school record at the time, so I felt really confident that I could get the record," she said. "I knew I just had to go out there and do it, and I'm glad I was able to do just that."

The Orange and Blue return to action this week-end with meets at the Penn Relays and the Maroon & Gold Invitational.

"We have to be hungry and keep chasing success," Hull said. "We have had a lot of success during these meets, and we want to continue that at Patriot Leagues. If we go out there and compete, enjoy the moment and don't put too much pressure on ourselves, we can really do something special at Leagues."

#### Career Stats

- School Record Holder - high jump  
- 62nd in the nation  
- School Record Holder - 4x100  
- Patriot League Women's Field Athlete of the Week

## Men's Lacrosse falls to Lafayette in overtime

Madison Rehak  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Men's Lacrosse faced up against Lafayette this past weekend for another Patriot League game. This game would determine and decide who would clinch the final spot in the Patriot League Tournament.

In the first quarter, the Bison and Leopards were battling back-and-forth to try to take the lead in the game, and, unfortunately, the result of this quarter was only 3-4 for the Bison.

After this, the Bison lost momentum in the second quarter and the Leopards rattled off four goals unanswered, despite three efforts to attempt to come back.

As the third quarter went on, Bucknell was able to get three more points on the board, but the Leopards were also able to get off two more goals, leaving the gap between the game at a standstill.

The final quarter is when the Orange and Blue were able to come back faster and stronger than ever in the match.

Jack Dudas '25 was able to start momentum for the

Bison. He was able to rattle off two goals with about four minutes of play remaining in the game. Dutch Furlong '24 was also able to put up a point for Bucknell, as well, with only one goal left to tie the game. Jack Peda '23 soon came to answer with the equalizer, while falling backwards, to push the game into overtime.

Connor Davis '25 had a chance to beat the Leopards but was unfortunately unable to do so from a save from the opposing goalie. Going into overtime, the Leopards were able to strike before the Bison, causing the loss for Bucknell.

Despite the loss, Bucknell Men's lacrosse played phenomenally and managed to go into overtime for a spot in the tournament after a 6-0 trail.

Lafayette won 20 out of 31 face offs, but Bucknell beat them in shots 45-39.

Cam Doolan '25 posted a career high of four goals in the game. Dudas is multifaceted with many talents other than athletics. In the form of a poem,

he was able to speak on the game, which can be read below.

The last game for the team will take place on Friday at the home stadium against Navy and will be celebrating the 11 graduating seniors.

#### Untitled Poem:

On the lacrosse field we fought,  
For our playoff dreams, we sought.  
But despite our will and skill,  
We fell short, against our will.

The sting of defeat cuts deep,  
As we mourn what we couldn't keep.  
But we'll rise, we'll soldier on,  
Our resilience, never gone.

For in life, as on the field,  
Obstacles and setbacks yield,  
To those who preserve and fight,  
And never give up the right.

To strive for what they hold dear,  
And conquer fear, year after year.  
So we'll dust off and rise anew,  
Stronger, wiser, and tried and true.

- By Jack Dudas

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## Men's Golf battles before league championships

Hugh Straine  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Men's Golf competed in the Upstate Battle this past weekend at Seven Oaks Golf Club in Hamilton, N.Y. It was a three-team event in which the Bison went up against Colgate and St. Bonaventure.

As the final event before Patriot League Championships, this was both a warm-up week for the top squad for the Bison and let other members shine. Josh Holtschlag '23 shared a tie for first place for the event with Robbie Herzig of Colgate, scoring a first round 74 and an under-par second round at 71.

Holtschlag made three birdies in the second round and shot 2-under par 34 on the back nine. James Robbins '26 and Jake Maddaloni '25 each tied for 15th place with +10 individual scores for the tournament.

Bucknell finished in third place with a team total of 607. Colgate won the event with a team score of 589 and St. Bonaventure finished eight strokes behind them with a team tally of 597.

"I think what worked in my favor the most part was just sticking to my game plan and leaving myself in the right spots to make pars," Holtschlag said. "There were times where I could be aggressive and I was able to capitalize. With this finish, there is a lot of confidence moving forward and vibes are high heading into the Patriot League Championships."

The Patriot League Championships will take place from April 28-30 at Hillendale Country Club in Phoenix, Md.



# beyond the bison

## sports news across the nation

### The NFL's gambling problem

Kaylee Donnelly  
Senior Writer

On Friday, April 21, the NFL announced the indefinite suspension of three players for gambling on games during the 2022 season. Shaka Toney from the Washington Commanders as well as Quinterz Cephus and C.J. Moore from the Detroit Lions, have been banned from football until the conclusion of the 2023 NFL season. Jameson Williams and Stanley Berryhill, also from the Detroit Lions, have each been suspended for six games at the beginning of the 2023 season for gambling.

The suspension of Cephus, Moore and Toney means that in total there have been five NFL players in the past four years to be indefinitely suspended from their season.

The consequences of the legalization of sports gambling is continuing to come to fruition. In 2018, the Supreme Court officially legalized sports gambling, and the NFL jumped at the chance to make a profit despite years of resistance against the practice. Past commissioners of the NFL have testified in court against legalizing sports betting as far back as 1991, believing the practice was harmful to the integrity of the sport and the people who support it.

It was clear that the NFL had abandoned its past convictions when immediately after the legalization they partnered with several gambling companies and allowed the Raiders to move to Las Vegas. The new stadium stands just off the Las Vegas Strip, and while it's

a marvelous sight to behold, it encourages more than just sports gambling alone.

In terms of gambling companies, the NFL currently has reached agreements with DraftKings, FanDuel, Caesars Entertainment, BetMGM, PointsBET and FOX Bet. These deals are reportedly worth over one billion dollars for the NFL franchise. The sponsorship deals alone have companies paying millions to in-game advertisements promoting themselves to the hundreds of thousands of NFL viewers. During the 2021 season, it was reported that these companies have spent around 129 million dollars in advertising alone, but it's hardly a dent in the billions that they are now raking in since the legalization and partnership with the NFL.

The suspensions show how serious the widespread betting has become. The Lions announced the terminations of both Cephus and Moore, as well as recognizing the severe punishments placed on Berryhill and Williams. The NFL also put out a statement saying that the league did not find that any game in the 2022 season "was compromised in any way," although the NFL does not have a solid track record in terms of coming clean about their offenses.

The NFL's harsh stance against players gambling will hopefully send a broader message to the rest of the players attempting to participate. But widespread gambling could also have consequences for the future generations of football. It's one thing to play football for the

love of the game, or for a livelihood, but much of the future generations of football players will be raised on gambling as entertainment. If not under the pressure of playing for your own money, the NFL has just added on an extra layer of playing for other people's money.

Perhaps these suspensions will be enough to kick any current or future players from potentially harmful additions to sports gambling that could jeopardize their careers. However, it's doubtful that this is the last we will see of the gambling issue in the upcoming years. The NFL is going to have to continue to crack down on instances of sports gambling or draw a harder line on its players in order to keep the integrity of the game and the integrity of the franchise as a whole.

## Women's Lacrosse falls to Boston

Jamilie Atiyeh  
Staff Writer

This past weekend, Bucknell Women's Lacrosse traveled to Boston, Mass., to take on Boston University.

Boston's goalie was hot, tallying 16 saves to lead their team to tally a core of 13 against Bison's nine. Stellar performances were seen across the board for the Bison. Allie Boyce '25, Taylor Kopan '24 and Alex Nesbitt '26 scored two goals apiece and senior Symone Ryans '23 was on fire with a total of 10 goals saved.

In the third quarter, Bucknell initially trailed by six but pulled back by scoring four of the five next goals. Kopan and Taylor McClain '25 scored a minute

apart late in the third to bring the score to 11-7.

Caitlin McHale '23 won the draw control which led to Boyce's free-position goal. Ryans rejected tough shots just prior to Ella Payer '23 and Emily Baird '25 forcing turnovers.

With three minutes left of play, the Bison cut the deficit to three when Katie Browne '26 finished a feed by Megan Krestinski '26 to make the score 12-9. All in all, Bucknell Outshot the Terriers 33-28 and led 14-12 in draw controls, as well as 19-8 in ground balls.

Payer caused three turnovers and Madison Parke '24 picked up four ground balls.

"This past weekend we faced a very tough BU team," Ryans said. "The first quarter, while the score sheet might not show, we battled and learned a lot which helped us make some key in-game adjustments for the rest of the game. I'm proud of the team for fighting until the last whistle and keeping the game very competitive, especially in the second half. We have a huge game this Thursday against Holy Cross to end our regular season, and we have a great opportunity to make one last push for a spot in the Patriot League tournament."

The Bison conclude their regular season play against Holy Cross this upcoming Thursday.

## Women's Tennis continues league win streak

Noor Kaur  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Women's Tennis beat league competitor Lafayette with a score of 6-1 this past weekend.

Tyne Miller '24 and Kate Novak '24 beat their respective opponents, both coming back after the first set. Miller ended with a score of 4-6, 6-0, 10-5 and Novak with 4-6, 7-5, 10-5.

Teammates Whitney King '25, Abby Platt '26 and Caroline Marcus '25 won their matches

during the singles competition as well. King and Platt joined to compete in the doubles matches, securing a win against Lafayette's top pair. Platt leads the team in doubles wins (19-7).

Miller and Anna Lajos '25 won their match with a 6-3 score, as did Marcus and Madi Sebulsky '24. "For our last regular season match, we pulled out a 6-1 win over Lafayette this past weekend," Platt said.

"It was a great way to end the season, but we have much more to look forward to in the Patriot League Championships this coming weekend!"

Nearing the end of their season, the Bison have a winning record of 4-3 in the Patriot League, and are on a three-game win streak. The team looks to compete at the Patriot League Tournament beginning on April 27.

## Men's Tennis ends in heartbreak

Lauren Mederios  
Staff Writer

Bucknell Men's Tennis kicked off their matches in the Patriot League Tournament over the weekend.

The Bison defeated Lehigh 4-2 in the quarterfinal round on Friday, April 21. This match-up between Bucknell and Lehigh was their second clash in less than a week. Previously, the week before, Lehigh defeated the Bison 4-3. However, Bucknell came out firing and earned their victory.

The Bucknell doubles teams set the tone for the important match by winning the overall doubles point. At No. 1 doubles, the senior couple of Nick Mueller '23 and Michael Owen '23 defeated their opponent 6-3, after falling behind 1-3 and winning five straight games to take the match.

For the No. 2, partners of Amar Tahirovic '26 and Oscar Bain Moreno de Vega '26 cruised to a 6-0 victory. The No. 3 doubles team of Brendan McDonald '26 and Ink Chen '24 had an unfinished game because the Bison had already clinched the point.

Regarding the singles matches, Bucknell defeated opponents at the No. 2, No. 4 and No. 5 spots. Mueller at No. 2 won 6-4, 6-3, McDonald at No. 4 was victorious 6-4, 7-5 and No. 5 Bain Moreno de Vega snuck in a close 7-5, 7-5 win.

The only two points dropped by the Bison were No. 3 and No. 6 singles, Owen and Chen. Furthermore, the No. 1 singles match that Tahirovic competed in was unfinished after Bucknell had won the match. Tahirovic and his opponent split sets and headed into the third.

The next day, Saturday, April 22, Bucknell faced off against Navy in the Patriot League Semifinals. Coming into the match, Bucknell has never beaten the top-seeded Navy in the 48 all-time meetings.

Bucknell was so close to pulling off the biggest upset in the history of the Patriot League Men's Tennis Tournament. The Bison were

trying to become the first No. 5 seed team to ever reach the championship, as well as defeat Navy for the first time since 1950.

Overall, this match between Bucknell and Navy was a thriller, but the Bison fell short 4-3. Right off the bat, Bucknell went down 2-0 after dropping the No. 6 singles match and the doubles point. However, even without veteran starter Tim Zelikovsky '24, who was out with illness, the Bison had Navy on the ropes.

Thanks to straight-set wins from Bain Moreno de Vega at No. 5 singles with scores of 6-1, 6-3, and Owen at No. 3 with scores of 6-3, 7-5, they evened out the match. At No. 1 singles, Navy's player won a second-set tiebreaker 9-7 to defeat Tahirovic making the match 3-2. Despite being down, the Bison didn't give up.

Mueller at No. 2 singles and McDonald at No. 4 singles, both went into a deciding third set. McDonald finished first at No. 4 singles with an exciting win 6-7 (7-9), 6-1, and 7-5, tying the match at three apiece.

At this point, all eyes turned to Court two where the final match was coming to a close. Mueller was on a hot streak, building a 5-0 lead. However, then his opponent could not miss and won six straight games to find himself serving for the match at 6-5. The Navy senior fought off three break points before Mueller won the clutch deuce point to force a tiebreaker.

Early in the tiebreaker, Mueller had a 3-1 lead, until his opponent won the next two points. Unfortunately, at a 6-7 score, Mueller's return hit the net, ending a very close match. Mueller's final match scores were 7-6, 4-6, and 6-7 (6-8).

Bucknell's season came to a heartbreaking end with an overall record of 15-8, its best since the 2013 team that finished with the same mark.

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# Letter to the Editor:

## Visiting Assistant Professors at Bucknell Demand Equal Pay and Fair Working Conditions

Dear Editor,

Bucknell University hires scholars as visiting assistant professors typically “for the purpose of leave replacement” of tenure-track faculty. The visiting professors teach more classes than tenure-track professors but get paid less for doing so. Bucknell made additional cuts to the starting salary for visiting assistant professors by \$5,000 as a pandemic response in 2020, and now the newly hired visiting faculty in 2023 will earn at least \$13,000 less than the starting tenure-track faculty. No other full-time faculty position received this pay reduction. Although Bucknell received millions of dollars from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund the salary for visiting faculty has not been restored. With temporary contracts, visiting assistant professors are at a disadvantage in fighting for equality. We are hired on a 1-year contract, with a maximum of 4 renewals, and have no representation in university governance meetings that dictate our wage and working conditions.

The visiting assistant professors at Bucknell are essential in fulfilling the educational goals of the university. As artists, scholars, engineers, and scientists, we devote our substantial expertise and scholastic strengths to best serve your interests. We mentor student research, provide educational and career guidance, write letters of recommendation, and our creative and scientific work promotes the Bucknell brand. However, Bucknell does not award our labor and dedication fairly—and we are expected to be thankful for the opportunity. We hope that some of you find this as frustrating as we do.

In November 2022, we delivered an open letter to Provost Mermann-Jozwiak to express our concerns. In the letter, we identified immediate actions that Bucknell can take to alleviate some of the unequal working conditions of VAPs. No attempt has been made to improve our situation. Therefore, we are organizing as a single voice and demand Bucknell University of the following:

1. Increase the starting salary of VAPs to the level of the starting tenure-stream assistant professor salary.
2. Pay the health insurance coverage for three months after the contract expires
3. Proactively offer H-1B visas to foreign-born scholars and pay for attorney fees associated with filing the petition
4. Contribute to the retirement fund from day one of employment without any conditions
5. Offer minimum of two-year VAP contracts in the beginning, instead of the default one-year contract.

We delivered our demands to the Bucknell administration on April 19, 2023, and asked them to take action to meet our demands within a week. Provost Mermann-Jozwiak indicated that Bucknell will not take any actions within the week. We still expect the Bucknell administration to make meaningful and good-faith efforts to meet our demand. Should Bucknell University not meet our demands, we, the visiting assistant professors will be compelled to consider other avenues for advancing our collective needs.

On behalf of Visiting Assistant Professors at Bucknell

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# Letter to the Editor:

## Show us the money Bucknell!

Dear President Bravman,

As students of a class titled “Multiculturalism in Education,” my fellow classmates and I have had a number of discussions that confront ideas of anti-Blackness, white supremacy, decolonizing education, critical race theory and implicit bias. In examining the issues that minoritized groups face throughout their educational experiences and the purposes of education in a democratic state, we believe it is important to address these issues within our own community at Bucknell.

This University in many ways does not hold true to its values of diversity, equity and inclusion, which it advertises to incoming and prospective students. The lack of consideration for these values is evident by the recent tuition increase announcement for the 2023-2024 academic year. This increase single-handedly isolates and excludes potential and current students of lower socioeconomic backgrounds.

Bucknell, in your official statement on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, you state that, “Inside the classroom and beyond, we strive to foster an environment in which our students engage with, understand and appreciate perspectives, people and cultures that may be very different from their own.” How can you uphold this promise when you are closing the door to an entire socioeconomic class of students? Out of the 3,724 undergraduates that attend Bucknell, only 20 percent of students are students of color. seven percent of this number are Latinx students, five percent are Asian, four percent are Black and the other four percent identify with multiple races and identities. Research shows that communities of color are disproportionately affected by a lower socioeconomic status. As such, this increase in tuition will directly and negatively affect many students of color. Prospective students of low socioeconomic backgrounds will be disproportionately affected in their ability to attend Bucknell without financial aid. The already small percentages of these underrepresented groups will only become smaller. Increasing tuition permanently impacts efforts to foster an inclusive and diverse environment. This decision hurts students and limits our academic and social community.

We ask, what is your plan as a University to combat the inevitable downward trend of students of color and students from low income backgrounds? We can recognize that the justification for the tuition increase is so professors will receive the pay that they deserve and art programming can continue to be implemented. However, one of the most important aspects of a large university is that the community of teachers and students alike are coming from diverse backgrounds because that provides different perspectives.

How are you going to use this increase in money to address the small percentage of people of color in this community? Are you going to use these resources to ensure that students and faculty of color are comfortable once they reach Bucknell? Last but not least, are you going to use this money towards more programs and training to put in place to help the university move forward with its stated DEI goal? By addressing these concerns will the Diversity Plan for Bucknell be achieved?

Sincerely,  
Sonia Sergeant

# Shortfalls of Bucknell’s University Report

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Staff Writer

Every year, Bucknell University releases a report detailing its recent accomplishments, future goals and current workings toward those goals. This report is entitled “The University Report,” and the 2022 version highlights several notable achievements that are paving the way for the University to fulfill its four main commitments as they were previously laid out in The Plan for Bucknell 2025:

1. “Cultivating academic excellence across the institution
2. Building and sustaining a diverse community in which all students, faculty and staff experience a sense of belonging supported by a foundation of inclusion, equity and access
3. Providing an integrated and exemplary residential student experience
4. Creating a sustainable future through the responsible stewardship of the University’s financial, natural, human and other resources.”

Some of the accomplishments highlighted in the report include: the creation of the Gateway Scholars Program, which “will meet the full demonstrated financial need for 20 first-generation students each year for the next four years”, hosting a successful Bucknell Forum speaker series dedicated to embracing diverse perspectives of the State of American Democracy, meeting and exceeding enrollment goals two years running and the creation and dedication of the Bucknell Greenway, among a slew of others. So implies the report, Bucknell is committed to evolution and innovation for both the campus community and the campus itself.

In all of these “achievements,” there is one critical issue that cannot be overlooked: the campus housing crisis. According to the Bucknell Housing FAQ, the University guaranteed housing all four years, but growing class sizes have forced many students, mainly those going into their sophomore and junior year, onto a housing waitlist. Despite the construction of the new apartments that will replace the old mods, the number of available beds on campus is set to only increase by roughly 115 beds according to recent reports from Housing and Communications. With these record-breaking class sizes that will likely continue to grow, this upgrade is simply not enough. The university must begin to make some critical decisions about the future if they wish to stay true to their original housing guarantee.

It is also worth noting that, in the report, the section which expands on diversity accomplishments and goals is only about half of a page long and consists only of details from Bucknell Forum speakers such as Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and CNN News Anchor Jake Tapper. For a university which prides itself on its progressive and forward-thinking approach, tangible results from diversity and inclusion initiatives are either relatively non-existent or severely underappreciated and overlooked by campus administration.



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# Four Things I Learned In Four Years

Harley Marks  
Senior Writer

As my time at Bucknell reaches a bittersweet conclusion, I have been reflecting on the experiences, challenges and opportunities that have shaped the past four years. It is hard to believe that 20 days from the moment I am writing this, I will be sitting on the quad with the senior class as we celebrate our tremendous collective achievements.

Although painfully cliché in nature, I can still feel the fiery eagerness to join multiple campus communities, the unrelenting social anxiety of moving in with a dozen or so strangers and the pronounced uncertainty of entering a new life chapter that I felt during first year orientation four years ago.

Being the ever-so-wise and seasoned upperclassman that I am (satire), I have taken it upon myself to bestow onto any underclassmen who may be reading this my advice and take-aways that may just transform your experience at Bucknell from average to exceptional.

## Number One: Diversify your friendships

It is easy to stay beholden to the first friends you made during First-year Fall for the rest of your time at Bucknell. In fact, keeping a small, limited circle is typical and within our comfort zone; there is no judgment when it comes to that choice.

However, one of the best things that I did for myself during my time at Bucknell has been maintaining strong friendships with the first people I met, while at the same time nurturing new ones and expanding my social circle.

Not only do people from all walks of life, passions, hobbies, campus involvements, etc. keep life more interesting, but they make you more interesting. I have arguably learned more from my friends and the breadth of diverse knowledge they've given me than I have from the classes I've taken.

Not only do friends from different sectors of Bucknell's offerings prevent the feelings of staleness and dullness that often emerge from the monotonous routine of academic life, but they may be able to be there for you in the future in ways that you cannot yet fathom.

## Number Two: Utilize your professors

It seems obvious, but your professors are here because they are eager to help and are passionate about educating you. It took me until my Junior year to realize that I was not bothering my professors by asking for help, feedback or advice.

Bucknell professors are extremely knowledgeable and passionate about their work (it can be intimidating!), and I caution against underestimating just how much they can teach you.

Sometimes we forget to humanize our professors, but if you can relate to them on a personal level and develop a rapport, class will be more enjoyable, it will be easier

to ask for clarification on assignments and you will walk away from the course with more knowledge and fulfillment overall.

## Number Three: Get a campus job, join a club or do research with a professor

I suppose this is three pieces of advice tied into one, but my suggestion here is to get involved. I have joined and left many organizations on campus such as Club Tennis, SpeakUp, Alpha Xi Delta, The Writing Center, The Bucknellian and, not until my senior year, Bucknell Student Government.

I joined Bucknell with a fervor to be as involved as possible and, much to my dismay, Freshman year I was rejected from the Concert Committee (can you tell I'm over it?). It turns out that this rejection only instilled in me more motivation and eagerness to explore other options.

Although I have loved all of the organizations I joined at Bucknell, the most rewarding for me has by far been the Writing Center. I applied to the training course for the Writing Center in my Sophomore year and was able to start working with writers my Junior fall.

Since affiliating with the wonderful team there, I have been able to help countless students with writing of all disciplines, to meet fellow motivated and selfless students and to cultivate countless communicative and interpersonal skills. I recommend nothing more than getting involved on campus in areas you are passionate about.

## Number Four: Study abroad

In my Junior spring I was fortunate enough to study abroad in Granada, Spain for five months. I moved to a city (and country) I'd never been to, enrolled in a strictly Spanish-speaking school and lived with a host family for whom English was not a language they could understand.

I cannot put into words the value of this experience and the lasting impact that it will have on me. I got to explore tons of different cities and cultures and experience a lifestyle that is only presented once or twice in a lifetime.

Leaving my home-and routine at Bucknell and moving to a foreign country for five months was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. But from this experience alone I was able to overcome numerous fears and obstacles, and I can confidently say that it has positively changed me and allowed me to grow as an individual.

If you have the opportunity, studying abroad is one of the most surefire and immediate ways you can expand your horizons, learn from unique experiences and meet new people who will absolutely provide you with a new perspective and lease on life.

I am saddened to leave Bucknell, but I am also confident and excited about the next chapter awaiting me. Do with these pieces of advice what you will, and with that, I'm signing off!

# If the Hokas fit, wear them

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Opinions Editor

It is not everyday that a brand is able to break through the staples that consumers have been loyal to for decades. Especially in the sneaker industry, breaking through the fortress that Nike, Adidas, New Balance and Asics have built up seems impossible.

So when Hoka surged in popularity over the past decade and especially since the start of the pandemic, it's important to examine why and how. Will Hoka be another passing trend, or are the chunky sneakers that have come to take over Bucknell's campus here to stay?

The key factor that seems to have contributed to Hoka's success is their versatility. So many groups can benefit from Hoka's support and design. The New York Times explains that Hoka's first shoes were designed for steep hill and mountain runners. As they began to take off, older people became major consumers for the brand due to the increased support and comfort. Hospital workers have even swapped clogs for Hokas, according to Dr. Onel with The New York Times.

And as we have seen more recently, Hoka has gained traction with younger consumers that Business Insider puts between ages 18 and 34. Looking around campus, you cannot walk between class and home without spotting someone in Hokas. This might come

as a result of the chunkiness of the shoe that has recently become trendy, but I do think that Hoka has played into their growth in popularity among younger consumers through the introduction of bright colors into their designs as well. Their collaboration with Free People Movement also highlights their desire to expand their demographic.

I respect Hoka as a product, but just like any other shoe on the market, it's not for everyone. I bought my first pair last summer when their popularity was unquestionable. I fell in love as soon as I put them on. It actually felt like I was walking on a cloud. I go on long walks everyday, so I typically wear through sneakers every few months. I had been loyal to Adidas' line of Ultraboosts for years, as they offer great support and usually lasted around six months, but Hoka's seemed like they were ending that purchasing pattern.

After only two or three months of wear, I noticed that the fabric in the back inside of the shoe was ripping, and I was starting to get blisters from the plastic rubbing against the back of my heel. I figured that I had just bought a size too big and bought another pair in a smaller size. To my dismay, I encountered the same problem a few months later.

And when I went to the podiatrist to get new orthotics

around that same time, my doctor informed me that Hoka's are not shoes that I should be wearing, as they actually counter the effects of my orthotics. Additionally, she deduced the worn out fabric behind my heel to my sharp heels rather than incorrect shoe size or poor quality. So, if you have orthotics for a high arch or particularly pointy heel bone, then these shoes might not be right for you.

My unique case highlights the subjectiveness of trends, especially when it comes to footwear. Everyone varies in the type of sneaker they need based on their activities and the shape of their feet.

Still, Hoka seems to have shaken up the sneaker space, and they aren't done. According to Business Insider, "wholesale revenue for Hoka increased 83 percent, while direct-to-consumer sales more than doubled" and their parent company Deckers has raised their revenue guidance for this year due to expectations of continued growth. As we watch Hoka expand into multiple consumer groups, it makes sense that Deckers would expect growth to continue, even if the shoe is not right for everyone.

If the shoe fits, wear it. And if it doesn't, still acknowledge the magic that has roped in so many others and steered them away from Hoka's strong, long-standing competitors.

# Big Pharma is trippin' over the shroom boom

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Staff Writer

The pharmaceutical industry has a chokehold over the global economy and international health system. The trillion dollar industry emerged in the 1900s, as they developed drugs and treatments. In Gerald Posner's book "Pharma: Greed, Lies, and the Poisoning of America," he asserts that the addictive effects of Pharma's manufactured drugs, along with a lack of government regulation, led to the skyrocketing of their drug sales and the valuing of profits over people.

Big Pharma has a notable reputation of embellishing the cost of research and development of drugs. In an article by "Médecins Sans Frontières," they write that "Big Pharma often says it costs the United States \$2-3 billion to develop a new drug, other credible estimates are at least 10 times lower - in the \$100-200 million range." The lifeline of the pharmaceutical industry is profit, as they claim such profits are needed to fuel future innovation, yet most of these profits are often pocketed to boost their stock share prices and marketing. This benefits their corporate interests, and not research and development of medications, which contradicts the validity of Big Pharma producing for the advancement of public health. They fix their prices at a high point, which prevents accessibility to the drugs and vaccines they manufacture from the people who need them.

Despite Big Pharma's dominance in the chain of public health provision, there is a new emergence that is threatening their "top dog" role in medicine: the shroom boom. Psilocybin mushrooms have become increasingly popular for recreational use. Despite the existing recreational reputation, there is an abundance of evidence that strongly suggests psychedelics as a treatment for mental health conditions: depression, PTSD, anxiety, etc. Dr. Michael Ehlers, the former Executive Vice President and Head of Research & Development at Biogen (BIIB), strongly believes that psychedelics and psychotherapy are the future of neuropsychiatric



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treatment. Ehlers accounts that psychedelic treatments are leading to remission of mental health conditions.

Similar to cannabis, drugs originally used for recreational use are often discounted as not having medicinal proponents. Researchers and doctors began to study cannabis and found an abundance of medicinal uses: providing stress relief for those with anxiety disorders and lowering blood pressure or inflammation. Despite the existing stigma of cannabis use, the normalization of using the drug in medical treatments is becoming more normalized as states offer medical card programs.

The studying of psilocybin is becoming more prioritized in research programs, which paves the way for psychedelics to be taken seriously as a valid medicinal treatment. For instance, in 2020, The Johns Hopkins Center for Psychedelic & Consciousness Research was created, which allows for the studying of psilocybin, so more formal research can be produced to advocate for the validity of these substances in medicine. States are beginning to decriminalize psilocybin mushrooms, commencing with Denver, Colorado and other states, such as Washington, D.C. following suit. An increasing amount of psychedelic stocks are being invested in, while decriminalization efforts and clinical research

projects are paving the way for shrooms to be taken seriously as a medication and treatment (Richardson, "Shroom Boom: The rise of Psilocybin").

As we witnessed with cannabis legalization, Big Pharma sunk their claws into the industry and dominated its emergence, completely commercializing the product. So, why is Big Pharma trippin' over the shroom boom? With the emergence of any new substance as a medical treatment, Big Pharma runs the risk of patients choosing alternative medicine rather than the drugs they develop. For instance, one may opt for psychedelic treatment instead of an SSRI prescription (which is developed and commoditized by Big Pharma).

According to Double Blind Magazine, an eighth of an ounce is considered the standard dosage for the full psychedelic experience, which costs anywhere from \$20-\$40. This cheaper cost provides more accessibility for patients seeking psychedelic therapy, which is a contributing factor to Big Pharma feeling threatened by the shroom boom. It is necessary for shroom manufacturers to resist Big Pharma domination, as this will lead to costs skyrocketing and profit becoming the sole purpose of production, not treatment for public health. It's time Big Pharma stops trippin' over profits and prioritizes the global health of humans over income.





Jaxon White '23:

As the current Editor in Chief, Jaxon has written more than 80 published articles during his time with The Bucknellian. Early during his first year Jaxon was recommended by a professor to join the opinions section of the newspaper. Since that year, he has held positions as the Opinions Editor and News Editor. Jaxon explained that his involvement in numerous different organizations on campus has helped him with topic ideas.

"It has completely reshaped it," Jaxon said, when talking about how The Bucknellian has contributed to his Bucknell experience. "Coming here I wasn't exactly certain what I wanted to do, but The Bucknellian made me realize that I want to be a journalist. The paper has also helped me land a role at a professional newspaper after graduation, so in many ways I owe the start of my career to The Bucknellian."



Kelsey Werkheiser '25:

Kelsey first joined The Bucknellian as a writer last year and during the fall 2022 semester they started their first position as the Special Features Co-Editor. Currently working as the News Co-Editor, Kelsey shared that it has helped them realize their love for journalism, and is thankful for the positive impacts it has on campus.

"The Bucknellian sometimes acts as a platform for positive social change on campus by giving minority groups such as the Black Student Union and transgender students the opportunity to publish their list of demands written this semester," Kelsey said. "As an active advocate for change on campus, I appreciate that we are able to provide this space. My experience with The Bucknellian has helped me to feel like there is a space where I belong on campus."



Clara McCormick '23:

Clara started writing for the sports section during her first year and took on the Sports Editor role at the beginning of this year. Being a Varsity Field Hockey player and involved with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee E-Board, Clara stays up to date with Bucknell athletic events. Clara also held the West Branch internship that she says has helped her editing, proofreading, and interviewing skills.

"The Bucknellian has helped me with my communication skills and allowed me to meet people on campus I would not have otherwise crossed paths with," Clara said. "I am super grateful for the opportunities the Bucknellian has provided for me and for the ability to work alongside such good people."



Aaron Chin '25:

Starting as a writer for The Bucknellian last year Aaron now works as the Satire Co-Editor. He shared that involvements such as President of the Creative Writing Club and Co-Head editor of Confetti Head, Bucknell's student literary magazine, have helped him with his Bucknellian editor position. "By writing for the satire column, I feel that I am able to share and produce stories that put smiles on people's faces, which is a rewarding and enriching experience for me," Aaron said.



Michael Taromina '26:

Michael began writing for the news at the beginning of this year and is now the Assistant News Editor. Michael said that working on The Bucknellian has made his time at Bucknell more enjoyable and shared the positive impacts being a part of the news section has had. "I think building connections with other people is so important with News and has helped form relationships with people who I can interview or count on as a source, which is why spreading my social sphere has been so rewarding," Michael said.

# What's the buzz at The Bucknellian? Meet the Editors



Dora Kreitzer '25:

Dora started writing for The Bucknellian during the fall of her first year and is now the current Print Managing Editor. In the past she has held positions as Assistant News Editor and Print Presentation Director. Outside of The Bucknellian you can find Dora working on the Academic Civic Engagement blog or for the Writing Center, both of which she says have helped her with the newspaper.

"It has exposed me to so many different experiences and events on campus, has given me a sense of community and a chance to contribute to Bucknell history, and taught me skills and lessons I continue to use and develop," Dora said when speaking about The Bucknellian. "I wouldn't want to do anything else with my Wednesday nights."



Juliette Gaggini '24:

As a former both News and Satire Editor, Juliette returned from abroad last semester to be the Investigative News Editor this spring. On campus she is also a student athlete and is involved in other organizations, which she says has helped her build connections that sometimes turn into stories.

"Writing for the Bucknellian over the past few years has introduced me to lots of awesome students and faculty," Juliette said. "Whether it be other writers and staff on the Bucknellian or people I have met through events or interviews for articles, the paper has gotten me involved on campus and greatly contributed to my time so far at Bucknell."



Maddie Hamilton '23:

Maddie can be spotted around campus and the Lewisburg area taking photos for The Bucknellian as the Photography Editor. Joining the newspaper in 2019, Maddie has been a Staff Photographer and Assistant Photography Editor.

"Taking pictures for the newspaper has truly been a highlight of my Bucknell experience," Maddie said. "I go to events I normally wouldn't and I have a brilliant excuse to carry my camera around. I've loved being the photography editor these past few years as I've had the pleasure of mentoring a few of my photographers and have added to the newspaper in different ways. Being part of The Bucknellian is the one extracurricular that I can say I've done all four years of my time here at Bucknell. I've thoroughly enjoyed my experience with the newspaper and I hope future student photographers find as much joy in it as I have."



Juliana Rodrigues '24:

Juliana joined the special features section as a writer during her sophomore year and now has been the Special Features Editor since the beginning of this year. Juliana is involved in a variety of different organizations on campus and uses those connections to feature and bring attention to different events and groups.

"I am so thankful for my position on the Bucknellian," Juliana said. "I have made connections with so many different people on the staff and from organizations I've written about. My section has given me the opportunity to write and start discussions about such interesting topics that I typically wouldn't have heard of."



Sal Iovino '24:

For this entire year Sal has worked for The Bucknellian as the Digital Managing Editor. A writer during the spring of his first year, Sal became the Opinions Editor during his sophomore year. Involved with many different organizations on campus Sal explained that he is thankful for the opportunity the paper provides to share the experiences of students on campus.

"Writing for The Bucknellian has allowed me to connect with a group of students that is dedicated to keeping news and journalism alive, as well as express a personal passion for writing that I oftentimes can't express through my major," Sal said. "The past two years have been great and I look forward to creating similar experiences for the younger members of staff in my senior year."



Maximus Bean '24:

As the former Satire Editor Max began his current position as News Co-Editor this semester. Max began writing during his first year and since then has had over 70 of his articles published in the paper. On campus he is also involved with the Catholic Campus Ministry and Pre-Law Society.

"Writing for The Bucknellian has made my experience at Bucknell far richer," Max said. "Not only do I get experience with how a paper operates, but I also get to attend new events at Bucknell that I would not have heard of otherwise. I'm glad I spent this semester doing News. It presented all-new challenges and forced me to get out of my comfort zone. It gave me new confidence in my capabilities and I'm excited to see where I go senior year."



Caroline Hendrix '23:

Caroline has written for the paper since her first year and started her first position this spring as the Opinions Editor. She explained that coming up with topics has incentivized her to be involved on campus, listening to different groups, people and clubs. She aims to create topics centered around what people are most interested in at that given time.

"My first few articles were on light topics surrounding pop culture and music. These topics were fun to write about, but I chose them more so because I was hesitant to write about anything more serious," Caroline said. "As the semesters went on, it is evident in my writing that I started taking on more pressing issues that I was passionate about and have been able to more clearly outline my opinion. I owe this to the practice of writing most weeks, along with the professors and friends that I have met at Bucknell that have helped shape me into who I am. It's unique to us Bucknellian writers to have a time capsule of who we were at different parts of our Bucknell experience, and will be nice to look back on in the years to come."



Hayley Leopold '26:

Haley began writing for satire at the beginning of this year and this semester has been the Satire Co-Editor. She explained that all of her involvements on campus help her to stay well informed for coming up with satire topic ideas. Her involvements include BSG, band, and CORE club.

"Writing for The Bucknellian has allowed me to meet so many new people around campus! Between working with the writers, attending weekly editor meetings, and interviewing other Bucknellians for articles, writing for The Bucknellian has allowed me to meet tons of amazing students that I might not have met otherwise," Haley said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at The Bucknellian, and I can't wait to continue writing, editing, and becoming even more involved with the publication over the next few semesters!"



Kyle Putt '23:

Kyle started designing graphics for the paper during his first year and is now the Graphics Manager. Until a few weeks ago Kyle has been the sole creator of graphics for The Bucknellian.

Reflecting on the past four years Kyle said, "I have a lot of fond memories in Stuck House.

Although I never wrote for the paper I'm grateful to have spent my Wednesdays with the rest of the staff for the past four years. I will not miss chicken salad night but I will miss all the friends I've made."





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Class of 2023 Commencement Issue

## Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

Inside, see senior awards, read reflections from this year's seniors and  
remember the past four years.

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### Schedule of Events

Friday, 5/12

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. —

• Cap and Gown  
Pickup and Senior  
Survey, Terrace Room,  
Elaine Langone Center

Saturday, 5/13

• 1 to 3 p.m. — College  
Receptions

• Arts and Sciences,  
Sojka Lawn, rain  
Sojka Pavilion

• Engineering,  
Academic Quad, rain  
Academic East & West

• Management,  
Holmes Patio, rain  
Holmes Lobby

• 4 p.m. — Catholic  
Mass, Rooke Chapel

• 5 to 8 p.m. —  
Graduates Grill,  
Bostwick Marketplace,  
Elaine Langone Center

• 7 p.m. — Baccalaure-  
ate, Rooke Chapel

• 8 p.m. — Candlelight-  
ing, Malesardi Quad

• 8:30 to 10:30  
p.m. — Commence-  
ment Celebration,  
Sojka Lawn

Sunday, 5/14

• 10 a.m. —  
Commencement  
for Class of 2023,  
Malesardi Quad

• 12:30 to 3 p.m. —  
Farewell Luncheon,  
Bostwick Marketplace,  
Elaine Langone Center

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### Kaia Rendo: 2023 Commencement Student Speaker

Hayley Leopold  
Salire Co-Editor

When Kaia Rendo '23 stepped foot on Bucknell's campus for the first time, she immediately knew she had found her home for the next four years.

Like many others, Rendo fell in love with Bucknell's gorgeous campus scenery. After her visit, she thought, "Yeah, this is it."

Rendo, an Elmwood Park, N.J., native, has completed a triple major in Spanish, English - Creative Writing and Political Science. Fulfilling three majors while maintaining a near-perfect GPA is no easy task. Rendo thrived in her demanding courses as she not only over-loaded credits many semesters, but also remained active in numerous extracurricular activities.

During her time at Bucknell, Rendo worked as a Copy Editor for The Bucknellian as well as a Peer Writing Consultant for the Writing Center.

These involvements proved useful in preparing her for her future endeavors as a law student at University of Pennsylvania this fall, intending to pursue a career in either international arbitration or transactional international law.

"Law school is going to be a lot of writing and reading, so a triple major has definitely helped me with time management, and I also think that [my activities] have helped me with reading comprehension and being able to pick things up very quickly," Rendo said.

When she was not editing, Rendo kept occupied by working as an Executive Intern for the office of the President, a

Residential Advisor and the President of Mock Trial.

"Working with not only other students," she reported, "but also the upper-level faculty... has [taught] me to work with others in a way that isn't overbearing while also being that helping hand that people trust."

Most importantly, Rendo values the relationships that she has formed with her peers. Her most cherished Bucknell memories consist of moments with her friends, and her favorite friend group tradition has been attending various themed "murder mystery" parties.

"My roommates and I host murder mystery parties, so my friend will hand-write an entire script where everyone gets a role and... we all dress up in character and interact with each other as we try to figure out the murder mystery," she said. "It's been a great way to come together and also have an excuse to have fun with each other. We have our last one coming up in a few weeks, and I'm really gonna miss them."

Rendo said four years ago, she doesn't think she "would have ever imagined" the experience of being involved in a community like Bucknell. Embracing the unexpected, Rendo added, is the key to making your college experience as fulfilling as possible.

"I never thought I would come to Bucknell, and I never thought I would be a triple major or work for the writing center," said Rendo. "Being open to new opportunities, genuinely trying them, and being willing to go full force into something that you didn't expect — I think that's been the biggest part of my Bucknell experience."



KAIA RENDO '23 PHOTO COURTESY OF EMILY PAINE

### Tom McKillop: 2023 Commencement Soloist



Kelsey Werkheiser  
News Co-Editor

This year's soloist for Bucknell University's Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony is Tom McKillop '23, a History and Music double major from Westchester, N.Y.

McKillop's involvement in the Bucknell music community, and desire for a final opportunity to perform on campus, motivated him to audition for the role, in which he will be singing the National Anthem during the ceremony.

McKillop began his engagement with singing during his middle school years, continuing on to start voice lessons during high school. He also endeavored into more competitive roles, such as auditioning for school musicals and the New York State School Music Association exam. When searching for colleges, McKillop auditioned for voice at various institutions, and was offered an Arts Merit scholarship at Bucknell.

"My musical time at Bucknell has been shaped by my acapella group, Beyond Unison," McKillop told The Bucknellian.

McKillop came to Bucknell during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, which limited the involvement with the music program that he was hoping to have. With student groups such as acapella, it can be easier to coordinate musical collaborations in ways that follow Covid-19 guidelines. Productions such as musicals or instrumental concerts have more logistics, but acapella can be performed anywhere.

Bucknell's vocal music program, Bucknell Voice Lab, has been able to offer new experiences to McKillop. Each year, the program alternates between a musical and an opera.

In Fall 2021, McKillop performed in the opera "Hansel and Gretel," a medium he had never worked in before. In Fall 2022, during his senior year, he performed in the musical "Little Shop of Horrors."

"Broadly, [it] was a time of growth, and a lot of [lived] learning experiences... and getting to know myself, and becoming comfortable with myself in a place that's not necessarily built for queer people," McKillop said, when asked about his time at Bucknell.

After graduation, McKillop will be enrolling in an one-year graduate program at Columbia Teachers College, pursuing a degree in Teaching in Social Studies for grades 7 - 12.

When asked if he had plans for continuing to pursue music, McKillop said that he doesn't know what that would look like for him at this moment, but hopes to find an outlet outside of work. He suggested seeking it out through teaching, by taking on roles such as school musical director outside of teaching hours.

Despite all of his musical experience, McKillop is still daunted by the role of being the commencement soloist.

"I think what's intimidating me the most is that I've always been in performances like musicals... or acapella [where] you're playing a role or you're with other people, [whereas] this is just me singing by myself, as myself."



## Outstanding Senior: Christian Melgar



MADDIE HAMILTON, PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR / THE BUCKNELLIAN

Rylee Donaldson '23, a senior from Allentown, Pa., has been awarded The Bucknellian's Excellence in Athletics Award.

Donaldson played all four years on the Bucknell Women's Soccer Team and contributed to two Patriot League Championship titles, in 2021 and 2022.

Donaldson found her passion for soccer at the age of five and always strived for greatness.

"My older brother played many sports growing up, including soccer, and I always wanted to be just like him," Donaldson said. "I started soccer as soon as I was old enough and my dad coached me until I was a freshman in high school."

Donaldson's drive and hard work ultimately paid off when she committed to Bucknell for soccer. She chose Bucknell because she felt it had the perfect balance of rigorous academics and competitive athletics. Additionally, Donaldson fell in love with the campus and the people, and knew it was the place for her.

At Bucknell, Donaldson majored in Political Science and minored in Public Policy. Along with the soccer team, she was also a student researcher and a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Regarding her soccer career at Bucknell, Donaldson earned five game-winning goals. As a key player in Bucknell's offense, Donaldson earned various awards throughout her career, including the Patriot League Tournament MVP for 2022.

Donaldson's favorite memory with the team was the 2021 run to the Patriot League Championship, where Bucknell beat Boston University.

"We were ranked 9/10 in the pre-season poll, and were able to prove our talent by winning the Patriot League Championship," Donaldson said. "Winning again in 2022 made it even better because we had the pressure of being the 2021 champs and still managed to go back to back."

In general, Donaldson loved being a part of the Bucknell Women's Soccer Team and everything that came from it.

"From preseason, to the bus rides and away games, home game rituals, team bonding, winning championships, and everything in between, BUWS has made my four years here beyond amazing," Donaldson said.

"I learned the value of hard work and how it pays off when you are willing to put the effort in," Donaldson said. "I learned the value

"Innovative," "rigorous" and "filled with people who are curious about learning" are some of the ways Christian Melgar '23 described Bucknell University.

From the class of 2023 Melgar was selected to receive The Bucknellian's Outstanding Senior Award. Melgar will be graduating as an English — Literary Studies and Secondary Education double major with a minor in Public Policy.

Spending the past semester in a Lewisburg High School classroom as a student teacher he spoke about the many lessons he has learned. Not only did it allow him to grow as a person but he explained the growth he was able to have as a professional teaching in the workplace. He also noted all the connections he was able to make with the high school students.

"Student teaching has taught me so much about what it means to be a teacher and so many things I would not have gotten sitting in a college classroom. You start to realize this is why you're doing what you're doing," Melgar said.

During his time here Melgar has been involved in a multitude of organizations and held many leadership positions

within them. For all four years at Bucknell he was a part of Bucknell Student Government as a class senator, the Office of Admissions as a tour guide, and Latin Alliance for Community and Opportunity for Students.

Within Residential Education Melgar served two years as a Residential Advisor and as a senior this year was a Lead Residential Advisor. As a POSSE Scholar Melgar explained the positive impact the organization had on him as it shaped him to who he was and helped choose the spaces he wanted to navigate at Bucknell.

Among all of involvements Melgar spoke about his role for the past two years as the Undergraduate Executive Intern for the Office of the Dean of Arts & Sciences. With the help of the Dean's Student Advisory Council that Melgar heads he was able to develop and host the first ever Arts and Sciences Week. He explained that after the positive feedback they received from the first year running it in 2022 they were excited to be able to host it again this year.

Speaking of all of these organizations Melgar has been a part of, he said that he felt they all offered

him an even exchange with many benefits as a result of the work he would put in.

Reflecting on the past four years Melgar shared that the most important lesson he has learned has been, "your credentials are just as important as your personality. Who you are as a person matters just as much if not more than what's on your resume."

As a senior he shared that his favorite memory was still from first year orientation when he had the chance to sit in Dean Amy Badal's "life chair" in the Weis Center.

Speaking on advice for current and future students he encourages to, "Get involved in as much as possible and take advantage of everything Bucknell has to offer. Don't get hung up on fitting in or what others think of you."

Following graduation Melgar will be moving to Cambridge, Mass., to continuing his education at Harvard University. He will be attending the Harvard Graduate School of Education and pursuing a Master's in Education.

Juliana Rodrigues  
Special Features Editor

## Excellence in Athletics: Rylee Donaldson



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## Excellence in the Arts: Ricky Rodriguez



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Ricky Rodriguez '23 has truly excelled in the arts during their time at Bucknell.

Entering Bucknell as a history major, it wasn't until Rodriguez was exposed to the Creative Writing faculty at the university that they decided to become a Creative Writing major at the end of their sophomore year.

Through their passion for the arts, Rodriguez has also striven to build community on campus by sharing their stories of identity through their poetry. Throughout their career at Bucknell, Rodriguez has written several chapbooks and read at open mics both on and off campus. For example, earlier this year they opened for Denise Frohman, a highly acclaimed spoken word poet and performer.

Frohman said, "what draws me to poetry is that it allows for multiplicity; it's a form meant to hold more than one thing at one time," and it's clear that Rodriguez is also interested in this multiplicity.

They stated that through poetry, "you are able to build community... but you are also able to explore yourself," and that "other people can end

up connecting with whatever you're writing... and you can build really beautiful connections with that."

This sentiment can be seen through their recent chapbook, "And I Still Feel Pleasure," which was just released this past April. When writing the chapbook, Rodriguez thought heavily about what it means to pursue pleasure despite having feelings of grief, depression, and despair. They also thought about the dilemma of pursuing and allowing yourself to experience joy in difficult circumstances.

They also spoke about the difficulties of writing poetry despite their love of the craft. Poetry is a vulnerable art form that can be subject to harsh criticism. "If you're gonna share some poems, you need to be really sure that you want to share those poems because they're gonna be out in the world... because once they're out there, they're subject to scrutiny, they're subject to conversation — both good and bad."

Throughout their time at Bucknell, Rodriguez has also explored the boundaries of poetry by using

contemporary language to explore uniquely contemporary issues such as race, sexual orientation, and overall identity. They also claimed that releasing their chapbook allowed them to gain support from people that they never expected.

"It made me hopeful that more people are going to tune into poetry and not be afraid of it... I really want to remind people that anything they write is poetry if they want it to be," they said.

Ricky Rodriguez has displayed immense talent and dedication to the arts while at Bucknell through their commitment to writing beautiful, bold poetry that strives to build community and put beauty into the world.

After graduation, Rodriguez will continue to write poetry and work with queer and trans poets while pursuing an MFA at NC State. They are also interested in exploring first-generation identity through poetry. If you would like to purchase a copy of their chapbook, you can email poetrybyricky@gmail.com.

Aaron Chin  
Satire Co-Editor

Anaya Benzan '23 is the recipient of the Bucknellian's Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Award. Her nomination is a result of voting conducted by the student body, and reflects her impact as a leader and mentor on campus, particularly in regards to advancing the interests and wellbeing of students with a diverse background on Bucknell's campus.

Benzan is a senior from Cambridge, MA, graduating this spring with Education and History majors as well as a minor in Spanish. On campus, she is a Residential Adviser, POSSE scholar, and involved in the Office of Civic Engagement. After graduation, she will continue to pursue her Masters of Education Program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

When asked to describe some of her most memorable experiences at and through Bucknell, Benzan highlighted her various abroad experiences, citing a trip to Puerto Rico with the Office of Civic Engagement and studying abroad with Bucknell in Denmark and Bucknell en España.

As an advocate for change on campus as well as someone with a great appreciation for education and mentorship, Benzan sought to build community for diverse student bodies on campus. In her own words, "To find and build community on campus, I focused on reaching out to people with similar interests as me and people I can learn from."

Building this community has allowed her to encourage DE&I at Bucknell not only at the policy level, but at the social level as well. As recognized by receiving this award, the impact that Benzan has created socially may be her most important achievement, as not only do faculty and staff recognize her efforts at the administrative level, but her peers acknowledge the ways she has impacted them as well.

When asked what she hoped campus would look like in a decade, Benzan '23 did not hold back, saying, "In a decade, I hope to see the institution recruiting and supporting BIPOC, low-income, and underrepresented students more. It is not enough to

recruit a diverse class of students. The university must support and provide resources to these students throughout their time on campus and beyond."

As an aspiring educator/administrator, this message certainly seems to be something she hopes to carry forward in her own career, true to her character in promoting structural support for diverse student populations on campus.

Benzan was asked if she had any shout-outs to give or people to thank before leaving campus, to which she replied, "I want to give a shout-out to the Posse community and my Posse Mentor Jim Lavine, Professors Sue Ellen Henry, Jennifer Thomson, Rachel Landsman, and Meenakshi Ponnuswami, Patrick Pike, Dining and Facilities Staff, Multicultural Student Services, the Black Student Union, and Latine Alliance for Community and Opportunity for Students."

Sal Iovino  
Digital Managing Editor

## Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion: Anaya Benzan



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## Jay Wright '83: 2023 Commencement Speaker

Clara McCormick  
Sports Editor



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UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS.

Jay Wright '83, head coach of the Villanova Men's Basketball team will be the 2023 Commencement Speaker.

"President Bravman contacted me, and it was a shock," Wright said. "A lot of guys, especially my basketball teammates, laughed when they heard I was going to be the Commencement Speaker. Thinking about how I was during my college days, they probably thought I'd be the last person to be Commencement Speaker. I was really honored and really humbled."

Wright was very humble, but is extremely qualified and deserving of the honor.

During his time at Bucknell, Wright was a member of the Men's Basketball team and a brother at Sigma Chi. He graduated from the university with a degree in economics and sociology.

"Socially, all of the great friends I've made that I stay in touch with to this day," is what Wright recalled as his favorite memory from Bucknell.

"Everybody was so different. I obviously made friends in basketball, I made friends that were in theater, that were in business, that were in music — so many different people from who I grew up with. The funny thing is that going to school in Lewisburg, Pa., the middle of nowhere, expanded my horizons on the world because of the people I've met."

Wright is known across the country as one of the most successful college basketball coaches of all time.

He led Villanova to two NCAA championships (2016 and 2018) and

four Final Four appearances since he took on the head coach position in 2001. He held a record of 520-197 (7.25) from 2001 until his retirement in 2022.

Due to his accomplishments and inspirational spirit, he was the Commencement Speaker for Villanova University last year. He credited Bucknell for making him a "lifetime learner," a trait that he says has contributed to his successes.

"I've always tried to continue to learn," Wright said. "The intellect of my friends at Bucknell, as well as the intellect of my professors, really inspired me."

In order to achieve all he has, Wright claimed to live by his life motto, which is "attitude."

"The two things that we can control in this world are our effort in everything we do and our attitude in how we approach each day," Wright said. "So when I say the word 'attitude' to myself — we used to say it as a team at Villanova — it means that you give your best effort every day."

Commencement is celebrating the graduating class of 2023, which is a class that has endured a lot these past four years.

Wright's advice to them is to "find your passion and live every day with your best effort and a positive attitude towards that passion. Judge yourself each day on your effort, your attitude and your character, and accept what comes from that. Understand what you have control of and what you don't have control of. The results of each day are God's plan."

## Faculty of the Year:

Jaxon White  
Editor in Chief

Professor Jim Lavine, Linguistics and Russian Studies, has been awarded The Bucknellian's Faculty of the Year Award, after being nominated by the student body.

As a member of Bucknell's faculty since the fall semester of 2001, Lavine has taught a number of courses; including Introduction to Linguistics, all levels of the Russian language courses and the Language Creation Foundational Seminar. He is also in the process of completing his second 4-year term as a Posse Mentor.

He said his favorite memories at Bucknell include "forming relationships with my awesome Posse students and good times in my Advanced Syntax seminars."

Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 took Lavine's Russian 102 course, and said he was "truly an excellent

professor, probably the best I've ever had at Bucknell."

When Lavine isn't trying to jokingly force his students to take Russian courses, he said he tries his best to "listen and laugh" with them to develop their relationship and foster a positive learning community.

"He really knows his stuff and it is obvious that he cares about his students," O'Sullivan said. "Even though he teaches some challenging material, he makes class understandable and fun."

In and out of the classroom, Lavine embodies what it means to be a linguistic scholar. He researches the "development of syntactic theory" based on Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Lithuanian, and Icelandic data.

His research also recently included "defective syntax," "edge-phenomena," "agnostic movement," impersonal constructions

in Russian and Icelandic, 'pain verbs' in Lithuanian, 'non-passive passives' in Ukrainian, and 'active passives' in Polish."

Lavine said he even enjoys continuing his study of languages when he isn't on campus, but he also enjoys spending time with his daughter.

"I study any foreign language on my own (lately, Hebrew) and watch teen dramas on TV with my daughter," he said, in an email.

Before he retires from higher education, Lavine said he hopes to live and learn while on sabbatical in a post-war Ukraine.

Lavine studied towards his Master's Degree at the Russian Research Center at Harvard University in 1992 and earned his Ph.D. in Program in Linguistics & Department of Slavic Languages from Princeton University in 2000.



MADDIE HAMILTON, PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR / THE BUCKNELLIAN

Dora Kreitzer  
Print Managing Editor

Marcus Scales, Director of Multicultural Student Services, is named the winner of The Bucknellian's Staff of the Year award.

Scales began his role in Fall 2020, but had worked at Bucknell years prior in a small capacity as an intern in the CAP Center while he was completing his Master's of Higher Education, and held various residential and student affairs positions in between.

In his role, Scales sees his main responsibility as supporting all students, but especially racially marginalized students, to ease and support their experiences at a primarily white institution. Through his work and interactions with students, Scales tries to elevate particular student experiences and challenge the university to allocate the necessary resources to address those experiences and support students.

According to Scales, universities like Bucknell are "diversifying their populations, but then they don't always think long term about 'how are we supporting these students in their experiences and what experiences are they bringing here?' Where I think historically their approach has been

'how do we get them to assimilate,' 'how do we recognize them and their differences and allow that to be a part of our ever changing dynamic?'"

Working with students is Scales' favorite part of the job. He recognizes that college is a very unique time for students as they move away from their historical environment, and appreciates the challenge of supporting students in a time which he refers to as "the last safety net before the real world."

Scales likes to take a "high touch" approach, in which he is "not only interested in who's showing up, but also how they are showing up." Scales wants to know students and understand what experiences they bring to campus, in order to be able to direct them to the institutional resources and support that they need or are looking for.

But Scales does not attempt to be a role model. Instead, in his own words, he tries to do his job well. For him, that means supporting the student experience the best that he can. From whatever position he is in, he wants to leave a student or an institution in better condition than he found

it. That does not mean appeasing students, but rather challenging them, and specifically challenging them to become better versions of themselves.

Because of the importance of students within this work, being chosen as Staff of the Year meant a lot to Scales.

"I hope and strive to be student centered in the way that I work," Scales said. "So for students to recognize me... I'm truly appreciative of that because y'all are the reason why I do the work that I do. So to know that it's going noticed by students is something I'm truly grateful for."

When The Bucknellian asked Scales to leave some words of wisdom for the Class of 2023, Scales said the following:

"Continue to be amazing and continue to parse through all of those complexities that make you you. Understand that you are enough wherever you go. I tell students, wherever you go, you belong there. You're an expert on your own experience. No one can take that from you. Bring your perspective to whatever space and whatever room you occupy. Continue to become fuller, beautiful, amazing versions of yourself and have fun."

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# Class of 2023 REFLECTIONS

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## Nina Sigety

When I arrived on campus in the Fall of 2019, I was so excited and could never imagine what lay ahead. First-Year orientation created irreparable bonds between me and my neighbors, and I am so lucky that even though we may no longer be hallmates, we are all still best friends. This wouldn't be a reflection on my 4-years here if I didn't give a shout out to Vedder 1 North-West!

After orientation concluded and classes started, I did the only thing I knew how to do — sought out ways to get involved. I jumped right in and auditioned for the all-female acappella group, the Bucknell Silhouettes, and quickly found a tight-knit community (and my favorite duet partner ever, Lauren Morrelli). When I thought I had too much free time, I applied for a job at the Student Calling Program and started fundraising for Bucknell. Talking to alumni on the phone about their experiences made me fall even more deeply in love with our school, and I met the most incredible people along the way. Not only have I grown professionally, but the support I've received from Ellie Fullam-Moore and the Development Office has been immeasurable.

But just as I found my stride and started to feel at home, we were moving out and isolating due to the COVID-19 shutdown. After spring semester classes finished, I decided that even though I was stuck at home I was still going to take advantage of opportu-

nities offered by Bucknell. So in June 2020, I decided to take two science credit courses over Zoom with Bucknell professors, which made it possible for me to Triple-Major in Sociology, French, and Education. I was fortunate that before being sent home I had found my place in extra-curriculars, but now I was also comfortable academically.

Upon returning for sophomore year, I joined the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and met my best friends and current roommates. In ADPi I found people just as driven as I am, who continued to push me to do even more and squeeze every possible opportunity out of my time here. After joining Greek life, the Bucknell Community instantly felt more interwoven and I met people from every chapter on campus.

Having had so much of my time at college affected by the pandemic, I struggled with the decision of whether to study abroad, but can confidently say that 'Bucknell en France' changed my life. Living in a foreign country, I not only learned the language but also the culture, and it was the most amazing experience. I can only hope to build on that next year when I move back to France to teach English, an opportunity I would've never applied for had I not gone abroad.

Looking back, the biggest lesson I learned at Bucknell was to never settle for what I had — instead, I kept on my toes. I never stopped at one major, one job, one club, or one friend group; I was always open to more. In my last 2 weeks alone, I have laughed harder, smiled more, and reflected more than I ever have. So, thank you Bucknell, for setting me up for the rest of my life.

## Riley DeBaecke

I write this reflection during a Wednesday morning "caf-sit," which I hope all Bucknellians enjoy before they graduate. These past few weeks (and months), I have made a sustained effort to appreciate the people and the place of Bucknell amidst a whirlwind of deadlines. Nothing surpasses my tranquil early-morning walks in the Grove after a 6 a.m. rowing practice. The birds in the Grove were definitely more awake than I, on some days! But so it goes, in college. We persevere amidst a hurricane of obligations in a marathon sprint to the end of the semester, eight different times, and suddenly we are in the middle of finals in our last semester of senior year. Where did the time go?

My Bucknell experience began with the Arts First pre-orientation program. At program's end, I dove head-first into orientation with relationships that lasted my four years. Classes began, and I had the brilliant idea to try out for the varsity women's rowing team despite having never stepped

foot in a rowing shell in my life. I got into the rhythm of classes and rowing and went home in December excited for the next semester.

Fast forward to spring break, and I sat in the University of Delaware library working on a paper when I received the email telling us that Bucknell would hold the rest of the semester's classes remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. My momentum up to that point shattered, and the following weeks blurred together between tears and the bumps and bruises of readjusting to home life while simultaneously learning how to take classes through video calls. The Class of 2020 perhaps felt the impact of this decision the most, but the Class of 2023 fought to stitch itself back together the following year. I am proud of my classmates who persevered through this difficult time and the following years in which the pandemic still pervaded our everyday lives. It was not easy, and our record attendance at Senior Sunset is evidence of our resilience.

Many of my classmates, including myself, balanced the pressures of the pandemic with their desires to reach for the stars during their time at Bucknell. We rearranged our schedules to accommodate study abroad semesters, ath-

letic training trips, acappella performances, and more. We fought for racial, gender, and LGBTQIA+ equity despite facing many constraints. We laughed, loved, and cried together in a tumultuous, uncertain world.

My time at Bucknell was a time of growth and resilience, and growth does not come without pain, as Maddy Scopano '22 acknowledged in her senior reflection. As did many of my overachieving classmates, I often took on too many responsibilities, and grappling with the repercussions of that has taught me a lot about myself and what it takes to excel at an institution like Bucknell. Nevertheless, I remain grateful to Bucknell for providing me the space to pursue and support all of the academic, artistic, and athletic endeavors for which I found unparalleled passion within myself and my incredibly talented classmates. I close this chapter excited for the future and thankful for all of the Bucknell circles and professors that welcomed and nurtured me throughout my four years. If I could leave all Bucknellians reading this with three pieces of advice, I would say this: take care of yourselves and each other, cultivate your intellectual curiosity, and speak up for what is right. 'ray Bucknell!

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Bucknell is a place of opportunity. Looking back at my path through these last four years, it feels as though my spur-of-the-moment decisions have consistently made the most impact on my experience here. In reflecting on my time, I'd like to talk about a few of these spontaneous moments that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

The first began at the Club Fair on Dent Drive. I remember making a classic first-year mistake and signing up for every club that remotely sparked my interest. As I walked out of the blocked-off street, someone at one of the last tables yelled at me. Having already committed myself to half of the school, I figured there was no harm in signing up for one more organization. That club, Beyond Unison, has fundamentally shown me who I am and has changed the entire landscape of my time here. Through this group, I have had the opportunity to witness the sheer talent of my classmates, maintain a healthy creative outlet, and, most importantly, make lifelong friends.

Another unexpected decision I made was to join the Chi Phi Fraternity. Coming into college, I had no intention of joining Greek Life. After meeting two senior members of Beyond Unison who were also in Chi Phi, I decided to give it a shot. This organization has provided me with brothers that motivate me to work harder and spend more time with those I love. Whether it's a movie night with my roommates or grilling at a friend's downtown house, I will never regret the time I've spent with the friends I've met through this group. The men of this organization truly inspire me and have shown me what it means to work hard to achieve their goals.

The last two decisions I made were to apply to join the Orientation Staff and run for Student Government. As a junior, I knew I wanted to stay involved with aspects of the university I hadn't engaged with previously, and the OA program was exactly what I was looking for. The sense of community and familiarity that is cultivated within this group is unmatched and I will forever treasure the people I was able to share this experience with. The last, and probably most significant, decision I made was to run for Student Government. In the spring of my junior year, a few positions

opened up due to Senators who were studying abroad, and I decided to run. After serving a term as Senator, I decided to run for President of the Class of 2023 in the fall. This has been easily the most rewarding experience of my college career. Besides being able to help make decisions that affect our final year here, my favorite part of this position has easily been meeting members of our class I hadn't had the chance to get to know before and the faculty and staff who work incredibly hard to facilitate our time here. We often forget to recognize the enormous amount of people that work to ensure we're able to live and learn on such an incredible campus. My favorite moments of this job have been the opportunities I've had to meet and thank them.

Beginning a new chapter is always daunting. If I'm honest, even after four years here, the scariest moment of my college career is still the ten minutes after my parents dropped me off. But it's important to recognize that this fear is just the anticipation of the choices that remain in front of you.

As I begin the next chapter in my life, I have no choice but to pursue the greatest lesson I learned at Bucknell: take one step at a time, and trust that it will pay off.

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